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BRITISH NATIONALS WARNED Advised To Register For Possible Evacuation

Communist Advance In North Causes Alarm

Fog Blots Out Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Air and sea communications with parts of the country and Hong Kong were completely suspended today by an intense fog blanketing the area.

Pandit Nehru's Appeal

New Delhi, Feb. 15. Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, broadcasting to the nation last night declared: "We have to hold together in this hour of crisis for the nation and fight the terrible poison of communalism that killed the greatest man of our age."

King Leopold Rumours

Brussels, Feb. 15. King Leopold III, self-exiled King of the Belgians, will not abdicate unless asked to by his people, it was learned on the highest authority today.

Solar Eclipse In Far East

Washington, Feb. 15. The National Geographic Society announced today that it will station observer teams from Southeast Asia to Northeastern America to chart the next solar eclipse on May 8-9 along a 5,320-mile arc.

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Nanking, Feb. 14. With the Communists advancing on Mukden and other besieged cities of Manchuria, British and American nationals in North China have been advised to "register for evacuation unless they wish to remain at their own risk of falling into the Communist area."

This "confidential advice," issued by Mr. S. L. Burdett, British Consul-General at Tientsin was confirmed by the British Embassy at Nanking.

China in 1945, British must depend upon the Chinese Government for protection. In event of an emergency, the Ambassador said, the British Government would be unable to furnish air craft or other facilities for evacuation. —Associated Press.

It is indicative of the trend of war and is the first open sign that foreigners have shown of their lack of confidence in the Central Government winning the Communist suppression campaign.

In order to eliminate a "double evacuation," British nationals in Tientsin were advised "not to proceed to Peiping or any other North China city where evacuation may be found necessary in the near future." They have been advised to proceed to Shanghai or other cities south of the Yangtze River.

The area from which the people have been advised to leave includes the whole area of North and Central China east of Sian, capital of Shensi province, and Hankow, more than 200 miles inland from Shanghai.

The British and American Consulates at Changchun and Mukden were recently closed. Unconfirmed reports from Peiping today say that the American Consul-General at Mukden, Mr. Angus Ward, has returned from Washington "ready to stay with the rest of the Consular staff in the event of the Communists capturing the city."

The intentions of other foreign consulates are unknown.—Reuter.

Murmurings Of Revolt In KMT

China's younger politicians are expected to make the coming National Assembly election of the Vice-President their first united effort to throw off continued domination by "elder statesmen."

While no opposition is expected to the election of Chiang Kai-shek as the nation's first constitutional President, there are growing indications that many "modern" Chinese—particularly within the Kuomintang itself—are likely to rebel at supporting another veteran as Chiang's running mate.

Instincts it is becoming apparent they may seek to force the election of some younger party leader to head the Government, if Chiang, already past 60, should become incapacitated during the six-year Presidential term.

Many of Chiang's "second generation" supporters of the Republic already are expressing themselves in private meetings as "weary" of such greybeards as 70-year-old Yu Yu-jen, who is supposed to have the nod from the Generalissimo as favorite candidate for the Vice-Presidency.

Most of these moderns are equally opposed to the military clique as represented by 58-year-old Li Tsung-jen, who has tossed his Army cap into the Vice-Presidency race with a series of campaign statements.

Rationing Scheme For China

Nanking, Feb. 15. The Mayors of China's five largest cities are meeting here tomorrow to draft plans for rationing as a means for driving down inflated food prices.

Miao Chia-ming, Chinese minister, and Chairman of the Sino-American Relief Committee, said 170,000 tons of American-supplied foodstuffs—mostly wheat and rice—would be utilized in an effort to break the rising cost of living in Nanking, Shanghai, Peiping, Canton and Tientsin.

If experimental rationing in these urban centres is successful, the plan will be extended to all of Government-held China, he said.

Four Municipal Mayors and Chairman Wu Kai-shen of Shanghai's Social Affairs Bureau representing Mayor K.C. Wu, will open conferences tomorrow under the chairmanship of National Food Minister Ku Cheng-lu. Provisionally it is planned to set monthly per capita ration at 15 catties of flour in North China and one ton of grain or flour in South China.—Associated Press.

Rendering Unto Caesar?

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Industrial equipment originally stripped from Manchuria is being returned to Communist-held Harbin by Russia, an evacuation from Mukden reported today.

This foreign informant, now en route to Hong Kong, said he had been reliably informed that the Soviets were shipping back industrial machinery removed from Manchuria following Japan's surrender.

Some of the equipment was packed in the some crates in which it was removed and presumably lay untouched in Siberia for 18 months. He could cite no figures.—United Press.

Shanghai Fire Tragedy

Shanghai, Feb. 15. More than 10 Chinese, including at least four children, were burnt to death this morning in a fire which raged for two hours, completely destroying a private dwelling in the Nantao district here adjoining the former French concession.

The exact number of deaths is not yet known as late today firemen were still digging into the smouldering ruins for the bodies of victims.—Reuter.

Suicidal Trade Policy

Shanghai, Feb. 15. The "China Press" reportedly owned by the Kung family—said editorially today that the Government's slash of import quotas was a mistake.

"That China should strive for balanced foreign trade is axiomatic. However, the Government does not appear to recognize that a healthy state of foreign trade cannot and will not be attained through continual reduction of imports.... We believe China already has reached the limit where a further reduction will do more harm than good."—United Press.

China Currency Reform Hint

Joy Ride



No, there wasn't another at the other end of the pole. It seems father was told to take Junior out for an airing, and this is how he did it.

(China Mail photo)

CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY

Sharp Reaction To American Hint

Shanghai, Feb. 14. Commenting on an editorial in the American-owned and edited "Shanghai Evening Post," which advocated the opening of China's inland waterways to foreign shipping as a requirement for American aid to China, the Kuomintang-controlled newspaper "Shun Pao" says that if this represents the wishes of American businessmen in Shanghai, then "we feel that there is a need for the 19th century mentality of foreign businessmen in Shanghai to be changed."

It says that the "Evening Post" was clearly voicing the common wishes of the American business community here.

The "Shanghai Evening Post" editorial said that before American aid is granted, "there should be insistence that China adhere to international practice with reference to shipping in inland waters. Abnormal restrictions on foreign vessels, on behalf of a small group of private Chinese interests, now greatly reduce China's communications facilities while increasing shipping costs."

The "Shun Pao" replied by saying that while "China certainly needs a loan and foreign aid, she would not accept them under terms which 'will infringe on our sovereignty rights. We feel that the opening of inland waters to foreign shipping will infringe on our sovereignty."

The paper pointed out that the U.S. State Department has persistently said in its European programme that it does not want to interfere in the internal rights of Government in the countries involved.

"Lack Of Knowledge"

It charged that American businessmen in China have linked Chinese Government-owned enterprises with Government officials "and so have advocated that Government-owned enterprises be prevented from expanding."

Ending with an often-used explanation, this paper said that this criticism as it applies to Chinese shipping indicates a lack of knowledge of conditions in China.—United Press.

A Waaf Point Settled

London, Feb. 15. The Air Ministry announces that although the new title of W.A.A.F. is "Women's Royal Air Force," the old title will continue to be used until the resolution of the General Assembly. For the above reason the Commission has decided to refer to the Security Council the problem of providing armed assistance in Palestine which would enable the Commission to discharge its responsibilities.

Boxer Robbed

New York, Feb. 14. Livio Minelli, the Italian lightweight, had \$4,100 stolen from his furnished rooms in New York, and reported to the police that he had won the money in his fight last Monday in Philadelphia with Ike Williams, the world lightweight champion.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER'S GRIM FINAL REPORT

Washington, Feb. 15. General Dwight Eisenhower in his final report as U.S. Chief of Staff declared today that if the Mediterranean nations should lose their independence war "would be close to us."

Eisenhower, who left office last week, warned repeatedly against the dangers of totalitarian aggression and outlined the military needs of the United States to ward off atomic and other possible forms of attack.

"Our traditional friends in Western Europe are in straitened circumstances and some are threatened with strangulation by a militant political party whose obvious purpose is to promote chaos and insurrection for the advantage of an alien ideology."

"Were those countries to give up the good fight for our common heritage of liberty and become pawns of totalitarianism, America's security would be in dire danger."

Eisenhower went on: "We would find ourselves facing across narrowing oceans and Arctic barriers a despotic colossus spread over and beyond the combined Eurasian territories of the Roman Empire, the Persia of antiquity, the Germanic kingdoms, and the Mongol Kubla Khans."

"Naturally, we would prefer to discount the likelihood of such grave developments. But we can do so only in so far as we combat the conditions that might lead to them."

"To reduce their likelihood is the purpose of our present foreign policy in such critical areas as the Mediterranean. There we are supporting nations whose continued independence helps to assure free communications and commerce between other independent nations."

"If this oldest corridor between East and West were walled up the effects would be instant and catastrophic."

Eisenhower declared: "International commerce, the economic foundation of stable peace would be disrupted. War in such a case would be close to us."

He said world conditions today are "sufficiently turbulent so that one isolated action might precipitate a conflict now and once started in a critical area war leaps across new borders quickly and involves other nations whose whole desire is for peace."

Forms Of Attack

The General observed that scarcely any form of attack can be dismissed as fantastic in planning the nation's defence: he mentioned specifically atomic and bacteriological warfare.

The United States daily becomes "more sensitive to the types of attack that will certainly be characteristic of future wars."

"Many millions of urban dwellers who raise none of their own food would starve within weeks if the transport system was broken, heavy industry would shut down if Pittsburgh, Birmingham (Alabama) and the Gary (Indiana) areas were destroyed."

"Our national life would be crippled if Washington, New York and a few other centres were subjected to sudden attack. We could scarcely carry on if bacteria should destroy the grain crop of a single year."

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International Army For Palestine?

Lake Success, Feb. 15. The United Nations Palestine Commission has decided that there is an "urgent need" for a United Nations army to enforce the partition of Palestine and to ward off a "catastrophic conclusion" to the current bloodshed in the Holy Land, the United Press learned today.

Arab Attack

Jerusalem, Feb. 15. A bridge over the River Jordan tributary northwest of Dan, on the Syrian-Palestine border, was blown up during the night and a smaller bridge nearby was completely destroyed. It was officially reported today.

It was thought Arabs blew up the bridges as a preliminary to an expected offensive against the Jewish settlements in the north, "Anger of Palestine."

In the Gaza area, south Palestine, two British non-combatant officers were wounded when their truck was fired on yesterday.—Reuter.

Hunt For Mad Parson

London, Feb. 15. As a result of reports that he has been seen in London, the search which is going on for Edward Allen, known as the "Mad Parson" who escaped seven months ago from the Broadmoor Lunatic Asylum, has been extended.

Allen was sentenced to death for strangling 17-month-old Kathleen Lucy Woodward at Burford, Oxfordshire, in 1937, but was later found insane.—Reuter.

"Peace Feelers" Rumour

Washington, Feb. 15. The U.S. State Department shut up like a clam on Saturday on the question of whether or not a Russian diplomat in Berlin had called in an American official there recently and "peace feelers."

Informally and privately, officials who are in a position to know about any such development say that they do not believe there is anything to it.

The reports of Russian "peace feelers" or efforts to "end the cold war" go back about 10 days. Initially, they came from Berlin and coincided with speculation in Washington that Russia might be ready to seek a settlement of outstanding differences with the west.

This speculation arose because the Russians had resumed lend-lease settlement talks at the State Department and because the Russians had made a new proposal for an agreement on an Austrian independence treaty.

At a news conference two weeks ago, Secretary of State Marshall said, however, he knew of no evidence that added up to a softening of the Soviet policy.

The initial report from Berlin of a secret meeting between an American and a Russian drew sceptical reactions here.—Associated Press.

Russian Denial

London, Feb. 15. The Information Bureau of the Soviet Military Administration in Germany today denied a report of a secret conference of U.S. and Russian representatives in Berlin, the Soviet news agency, Tass, said last night.

Tass termed the report "a fabrication from beginning to end."—Associated Press.

Concord Impossible?

Paris, Feb. 14. The United Nations debates and the divergent policy of the Allies in occupied Germany have long shown the impossibility of an accord between Soviet Russia and the Anglo-Saxon nations, the Conservative evening paper "Le Monde" declared today.

"Le Monde" said that it would be an error to believe that the situation could be remedied today or tomorrow, adding: "France and Britain must concentrate their efforts towards creating a western Europe."

"If co-operation between Paris and London has been more perfect in the past three years, we would be far more advanced towards a solution of these important problems."—Reuter.

The Weather

The depression over Siam and NW China has weakened to a feeble trough and a weak Mongolian anticyclone is spreading slowly E over China. A small depression appears to be developing N of Okinawa and will move ENE.

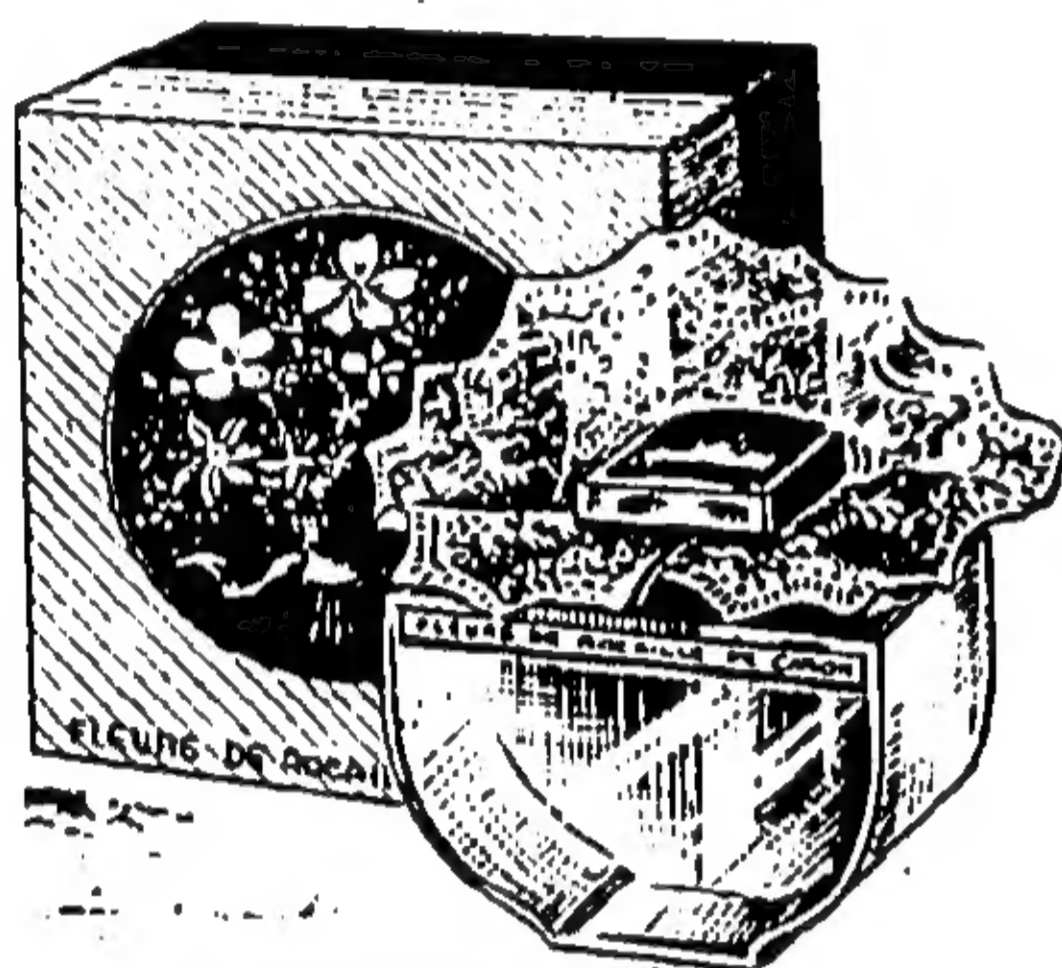
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN S'HAII

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

American Quadruplets

Lafayette, Pa., Feb. 15.
Quadruplets—three girls
and a boy—were born with-
in five minutes early today
to Mrs. Barbara Zavada, 25.
The babies were placed
in incubators immediately.
Doctors said: "They seem
to be doing fine."
Attending physicians pre-
dicted the quads last De-
cember.—Associated Press.

Floods Take 14 Lives

San Francisco, Feb. 15.
Turbulent flood waters from
rain and snow-swollen rivers
surged in eight states on
Saturday, taking at least five
lives. This increased to 14 the
death toll of a two-day attack
by the elements.
Thousands of people were
driven from their homes by the
angry flood waters. Sub-
freezing temperatures added to
their misery.
Four of today's flood dead
were in West Virginia, the fifth
was in Indiana.
Mississippi, in addition to
facing a flood menace, counted
nine dead and 42 injured from
a tornado which ripped through
the little town of Newton Fri-
day.
Other states affected by the
floods were Ohio, Tennessee,
Kentucky, Pennsylvania, In-
diana and Alabama.—Associ-
ated Press.

"Twisters"

New York, Feb. 15.
Nine of the dead were victims
of "twisters," which flattened 52
homes and damaged 95 build-
ings in a Mississippi town on
Friday.

An eleven-year-old boy was
drowned in Indiana flood waters.
More floods threaten the
south. Few sections of the
country escaped storm suffering.
Snow, sleet and pressing rain
covered a wide stretch from the
Rockies to the north Atlantic
seaboard. A cold wave covered
the north and central states.—
Reuter.

Terrorism "Outlawed"

New Delhi, Feb. 14.
Terrorism, as a means of achiev-
ing its aim, was outlawed today
by the Working Committee of the All-
India Mahasabha, the Orthodox
Hindu organisation to which
Kathuram Vinayak Gadgil, the al-
leged assassin of Gandhi, has been said
to belong.
In a resolution passed here, the
Committee declared:
"This organisation will not tolerate
any act of terrorism in India for the
achievement of its aim."
Another resolution pledged support
for the National Government "in its
efforts to suppress subversive ac-
tivities in any shape or form."—Reu-
ter.

China's first national Catholic educa-
tional conference was opened here this morning by
Thomas Cardinal Tien in the presence of some
300 delegates of seven nationalities from all
parts of the country.

The conference, which will
discuss the programmes and
problems of Catholic schools
throughout China, has heard ad-
dresses by Archbishop Anthony
Riberi, Apostolic to China, Dr.
Archbishop Paul Yu Pin, Dr.
Ignatius Ying Chien-li, Director
of Social Education, Nanking,
and Dr. S. M. Lee, Commissioner
of Education of the Shang-
hai Municipal Government.

Dr. Ying Chien-li read an ad-
dress prepared for the confer-
ence by Dr. Chu Chin-hu, Minis-
ter of Education, who paid a
high tribute to the part played
by the Catholics of China in
every phase of the nation's
struggle during the war years.

Minister Chu noted that while
widespread deterioration of dis-
cipline had been observed
amongst Chinese students in
recent times the students of
Catholic schools had set a
good example of stability
and shown a high sense of
discipline.

Pointing to China's need of
Western scientific technique, he
said that the Church had in-
troduced the best elements of
Western civilisation into China
and at the same time acquainted
the Western world with Chinese
culture.

Sinister Challenge

In his address, Archbishop
Riberi, emphasizing that "our
educational work must keep pace
with the nation's cultural move-
ment," called for an increase in
primary and secondary schools.
On the eve of the conference
Cardinal Tien told the official
Central News Agency that the
Catholic Mission never con-
templated withdrawal from
Communist areas and is "all set

U.S. SERVICE CHIEFS TO BE CENSORED

Washington, Feb. 13.
The U.S. Defence Secretary
(Mr. James Forrestal) today
clamped a strict censorship on all
public utterances by civilian and
military chiefs of the U.S. Army,
Navy and Air Force on controver-
sial subjects.

The order applies to the three
civilian Secretaries of the Army,
Navy and Air Force and civilian
advisers and to top uniformed
"brass" of the three services. It
covers anything they may say of
a controversial nature, whether in
a speech or article or in state-
ments before Congressional com-
mittees. "Everything must be sub-
mitted in advance for censorship,"
which Mr. Forrestal called "re-
view" by his own office.

The Secretary said the order
was intended to promote "more
harmonious" cooperation within
the armed forces. He added that
it was aimed at "preventing
inevitable differences of opinion
about public matters from becom-
ing topics of public debate and
controversy."—United Press.

Shades of Japanese War Reports

Saigon, Feb. 14.

The French and Vietnamese authorities have dis-
closed their respective losses in men and ma-
terial during operations in Tongking Province
between October 7 and the end of December,
1947.

A Vietnam communique today
gives the French losses as 3,300
killed including about 100 officers
and one general, 3,900 wounded
and 2,270 deserters. The Viet-
nam communique said Vietnamese
losses were 260 killed, 169 wound-
ed and 28 missing.

The Vietnam communique claim-
ed: "The French have lost the
battle of Tongking. They make
undertake other operations, but
they will have no success."
On the other hand, according
to official French figures, the
French losses for the period men-
tioned in the Vietnam communi-
que were two per cent of the
Vietnam losses which they said
were 7,200 killed, 1,000 prisoners
and an undetermined number of
wounded.

Vo Nguyen Glap

The French losses, the French
military headquarters at Saigon
said, were 244 killed, 41 missing
and 586 wounded.

The French sources added that
the Vo Nguyen Glap rebel army
has been dislocated and render-
ed incapable of retaliatory action,
although not completely annihilated.

Vo Nguyen Glap is Dr. Ho
Chi Minh's Minister of Defence
and leader of the Vietnamese
troops.—Reuter.

LIBERTY SHIP AGROUND

Portland, Ore., Feb. 14.
Tugs pulled the Liberty ship
"Thomas FitzSimons" from a
rock ledge in the Columbia River
Friday night, nearly 48 hours
after the vessel ran aground.
The ship was taken to Long-
view to discharge its cargo of
wheat for Japan, then will under-
go repairs. The agents said
some stumps were sprung, but the
cargo was not damaged.

The vessel ran onto the ledge
when outbound Wednesday night
for Japan. Tugs could not free
it until the bow was lightened
by removal of tons of wheat.
Associated Press.

Explosion

London, Feb. 14.
The Danish salvage vessel
"Kroja" and the Italian salvage
vessel "Algeria Neri" from Leg-
horn have reached the 7,258-ton
Dutch freighter "Laurokark",
damaged by an explosion yester-
day, near the Isle of Edd, a
Lloyds' message from Leghorn
dated today.
The ship reached her berth at
Florence Island, southwest of
Edinburgh, between Italy and Corsica.
Reuter.

American Request

Washington, Feb. 14.
The House of Representa-
tives Committee on Foreign
Affairs today urged the
nations which have ex-
portable surpluses of any
food in greater quantities
than the United States can
supply it to sell it through
grants and loans to those
soft currency countries
which cannot afford to buy
in dollars.

The Committee said that
its appeal was directed to-
wards Australia, Argentina,
Brazil, Canada, New Zea-
land and Uruguay.
It was made in a series
of reports to Congress by
the Herter group, headed
by Republican Congress-
man Mr. Christian Herter,
which last year investigat-
ed European economic prob-
lems.—Reuter.

Great Day For Ceylon

New Delhi, Feb. 14.
The "Red and Gold Lion" flag
— symbol of Ceylon's sovereignty
— was unfurled here today
by Mr. M.W.H. de Silva, the Ceylon
Government's representative in
India, at a function at his
residence attended by Lord
Ludlow Mountbatten, the Indian
Premier, Pandit Nehru, and
others.

Addressing the gathering, Lord
Mountbatten said: "Today is the
direct result of the South
Commission's report and I am
naturally proud to have had the
privilege of playing a small part
in Ceylon's achievement of free-
dom."

Mr. Pandit Nehru said that the
peoples of India were kith and
kin and he hoped that they
would cooperate together for
advantage of the world.

Mr. de Silva said, "The success
of our efforts to acquire the
sense of justice and enlightened
realism of the British people."
Before the proceedings started
the guests stood up in silence
in respect to the memory of
Gandhi.—Reuter.

Austin Road Robbery

Having just moved into a new
flat at No. 41, Austin Road,
2nd floor, Mr. and Mrs. D.
Bokhary had an unenviable type
of "house-warming" early yester-
day morning.

They were visited by an un-
welcome stranger who helped
himself to money, clothing and
a book of travellers' cheques.
Mr. Bokhary, who was in
Hong Kong in the early days
of the Re-Occupation as D.I.D.
officer with the Indian Army, is
now with Jardine's Godowns at
East Point.

Y.W.C.A. PARTY

An enjoyable afternoon was
spent by the children of the
English speaking members of
the Y.W.C.A. when they attend-
ed a Chinese New Year party
at the Duddell Street Y.W.C.A.
The party was given in tradi-
tional Chinese style with the
usual Chinese New Year refresh-
ments.

The object of the party was to
show the European children how
the Chinese kiddies spent their
new year.
After tea, sweets and balloons
were distributed.

Central German Bank Established

Frankfurt, Feb. 15.

A Central German Bank empowered to issue cur-
rency but closely supervised by an Allied
banking commission has been established for
the Anglo-American occupied zone; it was an-
nounced today.

Anglo-American officials said
they believed the bank would
have great influence over the
general financial condition of
Bizonia since it is empowered to
set minimum reserve require-
ments for individual banks and
may regulate bank credit in-
cluding the interest and discount
rate and the open market opera-
tions of member banks.

The charter for both the bank
and the Allied banking commis-
sion—composed of one Ameri-
can and one British representa-
tive—may be extended to in-
clude any other occupied zone.

The bank, which will serve as
the fiscal agent for Bizonia in
all dealings with other nations,
will be capitalised at 100,000,000
marks (\$51,000,000).
The establishment of the bank
is one of several steps now being
taken to strengthen the Bizonal
machinery. Others include the
establishment of a Bizonal
supreme court, the reorganisa-
tion of the Bizonal Economic

MUFTI'S HOUSE BOMBED

Jerusalem, Feb. 15.

Covered by automatic fire by
Jewish forces, Jewish battle
squad yesterday planted two
bombs inside a house owned by
Haji Amin El Hussein, the
Mufti of Jerusalem.
The explosions demolished
one room and damaged the door-
way.

The nephew of the Mufti, who
was in the house at the time
of the explosions, was un-
injured.
Two stones were placed near
the house, bearing the English
words "Hamas-Mina."—Reu-
ter.

POLISH NOTE TO FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 14.

The Polish Embassy said here today that Polish
organisations in France had for some time
"been the object of continual administrative
chicanery." Some organisations, it said, had
waited vainly for official approval while or-
ganisations belonging to the National Polish
Council in two Departments had been com-
pletely banned.

"Most of the Polish organisa-
tions which function with the
authorities of the French
authorities are constantly dis-
turbed by visits of police, who
take away lists of members
and membership cards."

"During the last few days, the
number of cases of arrest and
arbitrary detention of Polish
nationalists has increased,
especially in the Moselle and
Meurthe Departments."

The Polish Ambassador in
Paris tonight presented a note
to the French Ministry of
Foreign Affairs protesting
against the "measures taken by
the French authorities against
Polish organisations and Polish
citizens in France."

Arrests

The Polish Foreign Minister,
M. Zygmunt Modzilewski, had
earlier handed the French Am-
bassador in Warsaw a note giv-
ing instances of "unjustifiable
arrests" of Poles living in
France. Reuters Warsaw cor-
respondent reported.

The Poles were described as
organisers and active members
of various Polish organisations
and non political movements
and the note said members of
the French Association of
which Professor Frederic Joliot
Curie, the physicist, is chair-
man, were among those affect-
ed.—Reuter.

Egypt To Control The Suez Canal?

London, Feb. 14.

Sir Alan Anderson, head of
the Orient Line, who arrived
at Plymouth today in the P.
and O. liner "Socotra" after a
visit to the Suez Canal (of
which he is a director), fore-
cast that when the concession
expires in 20 years time the
Egyptian government will refuse
to allow the canal to remain
under international control.

He told a reporter: "There
is an intense spirit of nation-
alism in Egypt just now and
it is unlikely that the Egyp-
tians will forego the opportu-
nity of controlling the canal."

The "Socotra" landed eight
passengers and 91 bags of
mail from Japan.—Associated
Press.

A Hug, A Kiss But No Ring, Yet

Santa Monica, Calif., Feb. 14.

With a hug, a kiss and a box
of candy, Paul Drago, former
Army private, and Kay Pol-
chikoff, survivor of Hiroshima,
were reunited here today.

Drago said he quit his job in
Camden, New Jersey, to come
west and visit the White Russian
girl who arrived a week ago
from Tokyo. He declined to talk
about any romance.

Kay said: "There won't be any
marriage, not a year, or maybe
10." They met in Japan.

She says she is looking for
work and hopes to write a book
about her experiences. Drago
said he is looking for a job too.
—Associated Press.

ATHENS TALKS

Athens, Feb. 15.

Greek Cabinet Ministers today con-
ferred with the American Charge
d'Affaires and the British Ambassa-
dor on the Greek military situation,
and later issued a communique say-
ing agreement had been reached on
"basic policy relating to the anti-
bandit campaign."

The communique said: "A clear
definition of the relationships between
the Greek Government and the
American and British missions was
also agreed upon."—United Press.

RELEASE DEMAND

Paris, Feb. 14.

The Assembly of the French
Union, a consultative body of
French and overseas delegates, has
adopted an MRP (Popular Republi-
can) motion demanding the release
of Tran Ngoc Dan, former leader
of the Vietnamese (Indochinese Na-
tionalist) delegation in Paris.
Tran Ngoc Dan was arrested on
January 29 on charges of acts pre-
judicial to French national integrity.
—Reuter.

The Food Outlook Is "Gloomy"

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 15.

General Noble Clark, Deputy
Director-General of the United
Nations Food and Agriculture Or-
ganization, told the National Farm
Institute here:

"The outlook for food supplies in
the immediate future is gloomy.
World food stocks at the end of
the season will be lower than ever.
Crop prospects for winter wheat are
not good either here or in Europe."

"Available world supplies fall
short of conservatively estimated re-
quirements by 50 per cent. for rice,
75 per cent. for wheat. The world
needs bumper crops for at least two
years if even minimum requirements
are to be met, but chances of bumper
crops in all countries in the same
year are naturally not high."
"There are few new acres any-
where which can quickly be brought
into production."—Reuter.

Gandhi's Son Charged

Durban, Feb. 14.

Manilal Gandhi, son of India's
assassinated Mahatma, has
been summoned to appear in a
magistrate's court here as a
leader of a passive resistance
movement.

Gandhi, with Dr. G. M. Nlic-
ker, chairman of the Natal In-
dian Congress, and other Indian
leaders here, will be charged on
Feb. 26 with violating immigra-
tion regulations and the Riotous
Assemblies Act.

The charges concern the send-
ing of 25 adherents of passive
resistance from Natal into Trans-
vaal province recently.

The Immigration Act decrees
that Asiatics may not move from
one province to another without
permits.

Indians in South Africa have
been protesting against laws
which they consider discriminate
against Asiatics. — Associated
Press.

MILK RATIONING

London, Feb. 15.

Milk rationing in Britain is
likely to continue until 1951, ac-
cording to the Minister of Agri-
culture, Mr. Tom Williams,
speaking to farmers at Reading
yesterday.

If the rate of increase achiev-
ed between 1941 and 1946 could
be made between 1946 and 1951,
then it will be reasonable to hope
the limitation on sales could be
removed.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today

Annual General Meeting, United
Services Recreation Club,
6.30 p.m.

Interport Sub-Committee meet-
ing, H.K. Football Associa-
tion office, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8
p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Fourth Gramophone Recital,
Sino-British Music Group,
Helena May Institute, 9.15
p.m.

H.K. Football Association Coun-
cil meeting, Association
Office, 5.15 p.m.

Urban Council Meeting, GPO
Building, 4.15 p.m.

Rotary Club Closed Meeting,
Rooft Garden, H.K. Hotel,
12.45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Royal Air Forces Association
meeting, Cock and Pullet
Restaurant, Duddell St., 12.45
p.m.

Annual General Meeting, Society
of Yorkshiresmen, Jacobean
Room, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Farwell Dinner for Mr. S. V.
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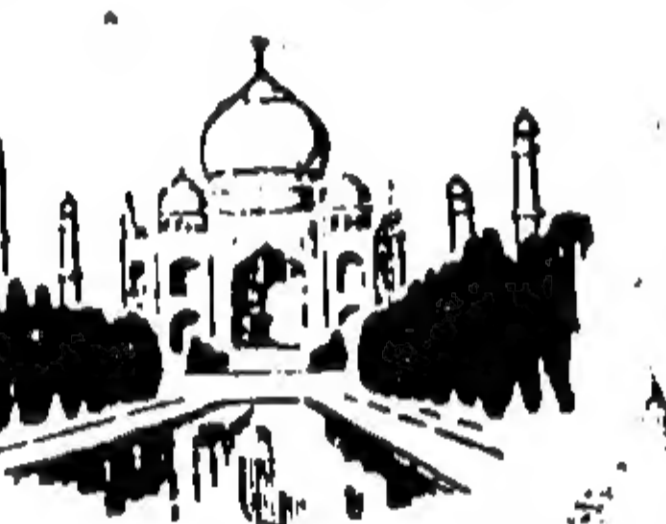
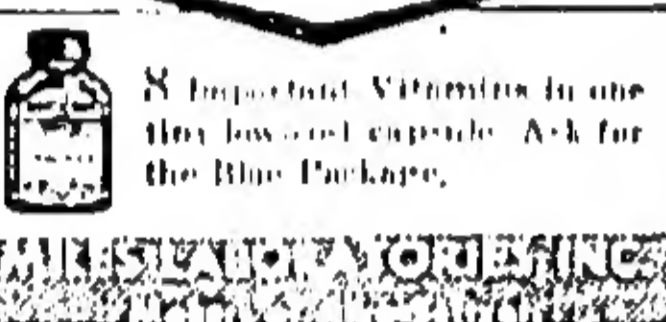
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Hint Dropped To Franco Aide

Madrid, Feb. 14. The United States Charge d'Affaires, Paul Culbertson, told the Franco Government recently how, and what, they would have to do to get back in the good graces of the United States, and perhaps receive Marshall Plan aid, an unimpeachable source told the United Press exclusively today.

Culbertson did not deliver a note but talked fully, cordially and bluntly to the Spanish Foreign Minister, Alberto Martin Artajo on February 2nd, this very reliable source said.

The United States conditions were: 1. Greater liberalization of the Spanish economy. 2. Greater liberalization of political life. 3. Greater freedom of the press and individual expression and thought.

This source said the conference left no pertinent questions unanswered and Culbertson especially was frank and pulled no punches.

Culbertson made it clear that no real material or moral aid could be expected from the United States unless the severity of the Spanish military curbs trying individuals charged with opposing the Government by peaceful means such as propaganda leaflets and speeches were not only considerably lessened but replaced by civil tribunals.

Culbertson added, according to our source, that military curbs were justified only in cases where violence or arms or explosives were used or contemplated against the security of the state.

As for the "liberalization" of economy it was understood that Culbertson said that the United States did not like the present system of vertical syndicates in industry and trade.

Press Freedom
Concerning the freedom of the Press and expression, the source said Culbertson suggested that the press should be allowed to publish all kinds of stories, both favourable and unfavourable to the Government; greater criticism of Government ventures; and that citizens should be permitted to air their political opinions freely without fear of arrest.

When individuals were arrested in such cases, Culbertson said, formal charges should be preferred within 72 hours in accordance with the Spanish bill of rights; they should not be kept in jail for periods often exceeding one or two years.

The source said that at the termination of the conference it was perfectly clear that Spain's chances of enjoying American material assistance are intimate, related to the slow but steady fulfillment of these terms.

Individual Deals
The source said that only this way will it be possible for Spain to participate in the Marshall Plan. The source remarked that five nations participating in the Marshall Plan—Sweden, Ireland, Turkey, Holland and Switzerland—recently signed trade agreements with Spain, while France and Britain are at present negotiating theirs and the relations between Portugal and Spain are excellent in all aspects.

The source said that individually, therefore, members of the European recovery programme are willing to deal with Spain while they refuse to do so collectively.

RUSSIANS STONED
Vienna, Feb. 15.

Members of the Russian repatriation mission in the United States zone of Austria were stoned by Soviet displaced persons for the second time in a week today. None was hit.

The stonings were thrown by a group of 300 Ukrainian DP's at Salzburg.—United Press.

RIP KIRBY



De Valera In Difficulties

Dublin, Feb. 14. Eire's Labour Party, which has 14 members in the newly elected Parliament, today decided to oppose Premier Eamon de Valera when he comes up for re-election next Wednesday.

Six of the 12 Independent Deputies today also decided against de Valera, whose Fianna Fail Party no longer commands an absolute majority in the Dail.

Some observers tonight thought that the Opposition might rally a majority of three in the Parliament of 147 members against de Valera. Sean A. Costello, a former Attorney General, has been named a possible candidate for the Premiership.—Reuter.

MOROCCANS FIRED ON BY SPANIARDS

Lake Success, Feb. 13. The Committee for the Freedom of North Africa, representative of the Moorish Nationalist groups, today appealed to Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, to bring the "Spanish Moroccan dispute" before the Security Council as a threat to world peace.

The Committee relayed the following message to Dr. Lie from the Spanish Moroccan Nationalist Party:

"Once more the Moroccan people appeal to the United Nations, requesting immediate intervention to save them from the Spanish colonial yoke. Yesterday, Spanish armed forces attacked peaceful demonstrators in Tetuan. The number of victims was heavy, and hundreds were imprisoned."

"The Spanish authorities deny the means to convey this appeal. The continuance of the present deplorable situation in Morocco will inevitably lead to a national rebellion which will endanger international peace and security in that part of the world."

"The Committee for the Freedom of North Africa requests the Secretary General to bring the Spanish Moroccan dispute before the Security Council, in accordance with Article 39 of the Charter."

The Committee added: "Oppression of the peace-loving people of Morocco is a matter of international concern and does not pertain exclusively to the so-called national jurisdiction of Spain."

Martial Law
Spanish troops fired on Moorish Nationalists on Sunday last in the town of Tetuan. Martial law was proclaimed, but calm was restored after the Nationalist leader, Abdel Khaluk Torres, appealed to his followers to avoid provocation.

Abdel Torres is leader of the National Reform Party which seeks complete independence for Morocco. He arrived at Tangiers from the United States last month after presenting memoranda on conditions in French and Spanish Morocco to the United Nations, but was refused permission to enter the Spanish Zone.

The demonstration which led to the Spanish troops firing on the Moors was caused by this ban on his entry.

The question of Morocco's independence is due for discussion by the Arab League, now in session in Cairo.

Abd El Krim, former Riff warrior, who was exiled by the French for 21 years after leading the 1926 revolt in French Morocco, recently discussed the question with Riad El Solh Boy, Chairman of the Arab League Political Committee.—Reuter.

Atomic Warfare

"At this writing, there appears to be no possible defence against the atomic bomb once it is released in a target area. But there are factors inherent in the employment of this as of any other weapon that limit its effectiveness."

"First of these is the number of bombs available for use."

"An immense stockpile would be required to obliterate our war potential or that of any other major power."

"The second factor is the distance to be traversed from base to target. Each mile added to its flight reduces the accuracy of a projectile and increases the vulnerability of a carrier."

"The third is the factor of the vehicle, aerial or naval, that moves to bomb against the target. No vehicle long remains immune to effective counter action."

Basic Plan

On national defence, the General said "the army supports the theory that air power occupies a dominant position in modern warfare and with proper ground and sea support it may batter an enemy into readiness to quit a war.... But the basic to any plan... is the crowding forward of land bases seized and occupied by powerful ground forces."

Eisenhower repeated his support of the universal military training programme for American youth now being discussed in Congress.

"Unless the proposed plan is adopted in the near future we must recast our traditional at-

U.S. Defence Plans Announced

Washington, Feb. 14. The U.S. Defence Secretary, James V. Forrestal, today announced plans to meet the threat of atom bombs, guided missiles and bacteria war with the National Civil Defence Organization. Forrestal received his authority from President Truman.

He acted on recommendations of an Army Board report that warned of the dangers of attack on the United States.

In the event of "another war," the Board found that "widespread destruction can be anticipated in industrial areas and centres of population. The populace should be organized into small groups under leaders and trained in fire fighting, rescue and first aid."

To carry out this aim, Forrestal said that new civil defence organizations will reach into every level fibre of the American life. He said he will appoint a head soon for the new civil defence agency which will operate within his Department. This agency will take over the task of planning civil defence. The civilian director will receive \$10,000 a year.

Recommendations
The Army Civil Defence Board headed by Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull recommended:

1. — Self-defence be taught to every citizen.

2. — Mutual aid between citizens, groups, cities, countries, States and the National Government.

3. — Organized mobile reserve units for fighting, atom damage control, first aid and bacterial warfare control.

The plan will not go into effect except in an emergency.—United Press

Sun Fo Will Not Stand

Nanking, Feb. 15. Dr. Sun Fo, Vice President of the Chinese Republic, today ended speculation about whether he would seek to retain that post in the election by the National Assembly, with an announcement that he does not intend to run.

Dr. Sun made the announcement at Taipei and said in a press conference that one of the purposes of his visit to Taiwan is to find out, on the spot, whether foreign correspondents' reports about disorder and a potential rebellion in the island are correct. He said he believed these reports were groundless.—United Press.

Army Mission in Greece

London, Feb. 15. The War Office announces that Major-General F. E. Down, G.O.C. British troops in Greece, has been appointed Commander of the British Military Mission to Greece with effect from next March.

Major-General Down, former Commander of the British Fourth Division at Salonika, took over from Lieutenant-General R. N. Crawford as G.O.C. British troops in Greece when the latter was appointed Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff last year.—Reuter.

Chinese Illegal Entry

Singapore, Feb. 15. The Malayan police last week detained 150 illegal Chinese immigrants who had landed from Chinese junks at uninhabited places on the east coast of Malaya.

The police in Trengganu State held 100 at Chukla on Thursday and the Penang police yesterday detained 49 who had landed near Kuantan.

At the moment, monsoons are favouring junks sailing from Chinese ports in Malaya and immigration authorities are heightening precautions against large-scale landing attempts.—Reuter.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Progression Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Jazz Frenger and His Orchestra with Rita Williams and Paul Rich.

1.00 p.m.—A Light Piano Parade.

1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio: Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Ethel Holmes Brown.

6.30 p.m.—A Light Concert.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like" presented by Bill Cole.

7.40 p.m.—Organ Music by Handel.

8.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Services: "The Old Order Changes" "This was the Cockney."

8.45 p.m.—Delany Somers and His Band.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.30 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.51 p.m.—Studio: Chai Yook Ching and His Hawaiian Band.

9.55 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

9.59 p.m.—London Relay: "The Arts Today".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News Reel.

10.15 p.m.—Something for Everybody—Made for all tastes.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

URANIUM FROM KWANGSI

Nanking, Feb. 15.

A sample of Kwangsi uranium ore sent to the United States for study by American scientists was found to contain 1.58 per cent thorium and 6 per cent uranium, it was revealed today.

Uranium deposits in Kwangsi Province were first discovered by a Chinese Government geologist, Nan Yen-tung, who will shortly lead another expedition to Kwangsi to survey vital deposits. The expedition is sponsored by the National Resources Commission.—United Press.

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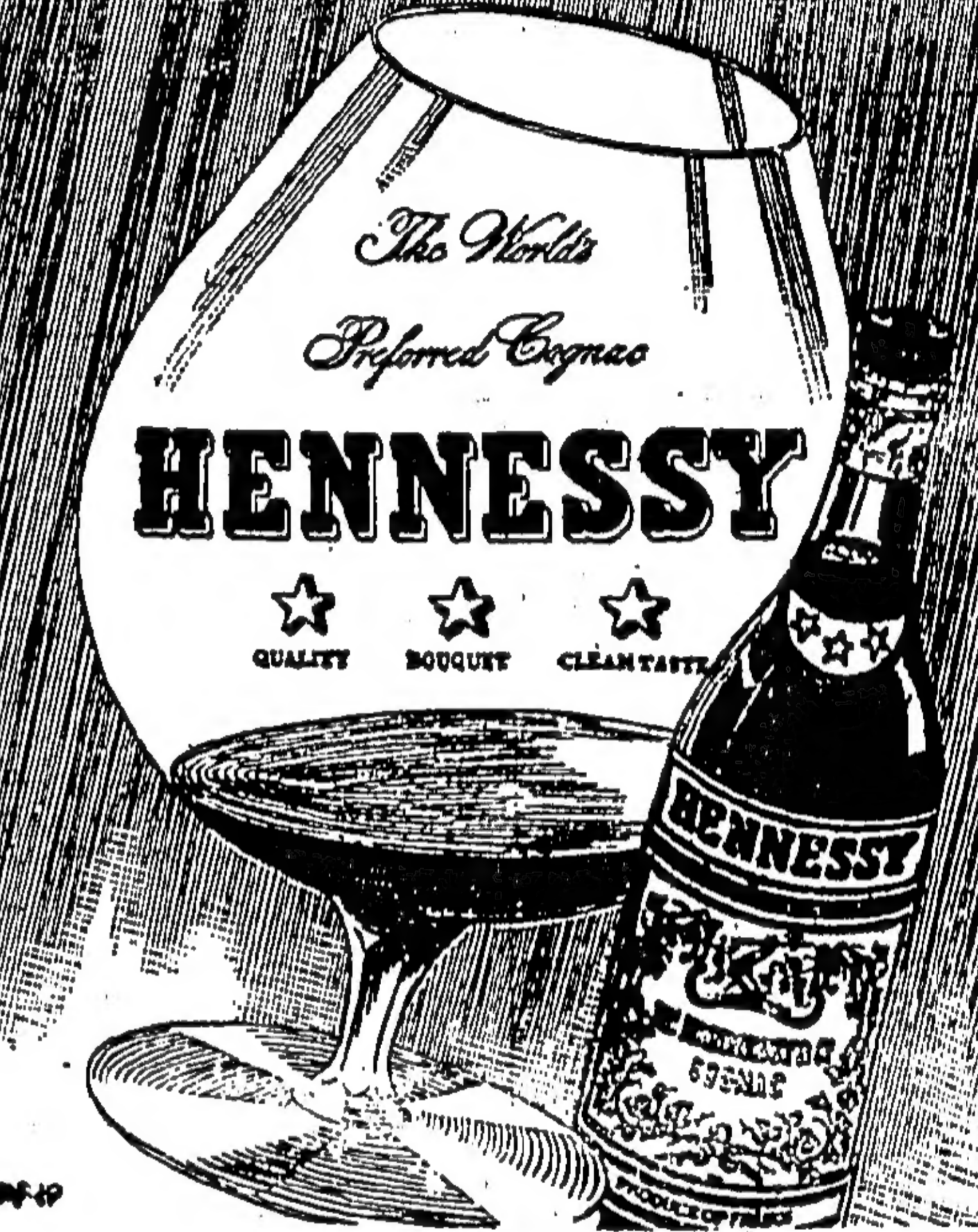
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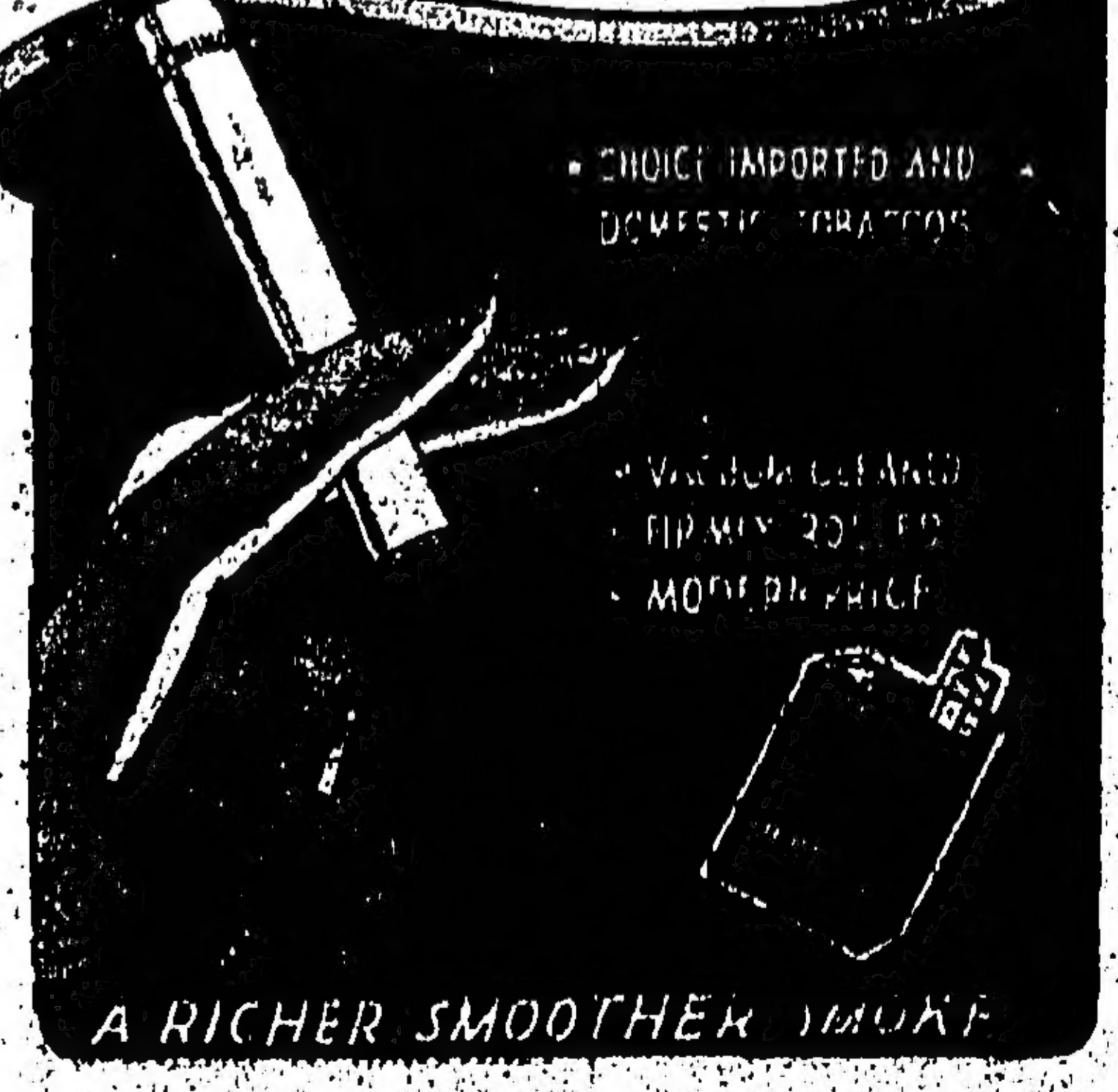
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Sheet for the year ended 31st
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RUGBY LEAGUE CUP RESULTS

London, Feb. 14.

Rugby League Cup. First
Round second leg ties:
Belle Vue Rangers 10 Liver-
pool Stanley 8, the latter elimi-
nated.

Bradford Northern 15 Hud-
dersfield 2, the latter eliminated.
Bullingthorpe Vale 2 St.
Helen's 13, the former elimi-
nated.

Castleford 7 Wigan 19, the
former eliminated.

Dewsbury 10 Haly 4, the
latter eliminated.

Hullfax 17 Barrow 4, the lat-
ter eliminated.

Hunslet 5 Widnes 3, after ex-
tra time aggregate eight-
match to be replayed next
Thursday.

Lough 10 Featherstone Rovers
6, the latter eliminated.

Oldham 22 Hull Kingston
Rovers 4, the latter eliminated.

Pemberton Rovers 0 Rochdale
 Hornets 11, the former elimi-
nated.

Shefflow and Gillhead 10
Keighley 2, the latter elimi-
nated.

Swinton 12 Hull 2, the latter
eliminated.

Vine Tavern 6 Bramley 17
(first leg tie was abandoned
last week, being replayed next
Saturday).

Wakefield Trinity 20 Salford
15, after extra time, the latter
eliminated.

York 0 Leeds 13, the former
eliminated.

Workington Town 0 Warring-
ton 7, the former eliminated.—
Reuter.

Rugby Union

London, Feb. 14.

Rugby Union club-match re-
sults:

London Hospital 0 Staged 3.

Old Merchant Taylors 8
London Welsh 21.

Richmond 5 Blackheath 27.

St. Bart's Hospital 8 Penzance
and Newlyn 24.

St. Thomas Hospital 30 Alder-
shot Services 0.

Barroth 3 Exeter 0.

Bedford 25 Old Cranleighans
3.

Birkenhead Park 5 Coventry
12.

Birmingham 9 Royal Air
Force 6.

Bridgewater and Albion 10
Taunton 0.

Bristol 6 Oxford University 0.

Cardiff 41 Plymouth Albion
7.

Cheltenham 11 Middlesex
Hospital 18.

Clifton 17 Lydney 9.

Cross Keys 12 Pontypool 3.

Devonport Services 0 United
Services Portsmouth 8.

Gloucester 15 Bath 0.

Heath 5 Llanelli 0.

Newbridge 9 Bridgend 0.

Newport 32 Leicester 6.

Northampton 0 Pontypool 9.

Penarth 11 Aberystwyth 3.

Redruth 3 Falmouth 0.

Rugby 3 Nanterton 9.

Sale 22 Manchester 3.

Swansea 6 Aberystwyth 0.

Torquay Athletic 18 Westor
Super Mare 3.

Waterloo 8 Universities Athle-
tic Union 3.

Edinburgh University 3 Wat-
sonians 6.

Glasgow Academicals 0
Heriots Former Pupils 4.

Glasgow High School Former
Pupils 6 Kelvinside West 8.

Old Paulings 3 Siles 14.

Macefield 24 Mountain Ash 12.
—Reuter.

Grand National Form Shocks

Leopardstown, Feb. 14.
Mr. W. J. Purcell's rank out-
sider, "Summer Star," by
"Exeter" out of a "English Sum-
mer," won the Leopardstown
Chase over three miles here to-
day from a field which included
six Irish candidates for the
Aintree Grand National.

Carrying a bottomweight of
nine stones seven pounds, "Sum-
mer Star," the only mare in
the race, beat "Lough Conn,"
second in last year's Grand
National, by seven lengths, with
"Arranbeg" third five lengths
away of 15 runners.

"Caughoo," winner of last
year's Grand National, was
unplaced.

"Cottage Rake," Ireland's
leading challenger for the Chel-
tenham Gold Cup, who carried
topweight of 12 stones seven
pounds, started a 5-4 favourite,
but fell.

"Fear Cruaid," who is well
fancied for the Aintree event,
was in the rear for most of the
journey but finished strongly
to take fifth place.

The winner started at 50 to
one, "Lough Conn" at six to one
and "Arranbeg" at five to one.
—Reuter.

Ireland's Victory At Twickenham

London, Feb. 14.

Taking full advantage of costly English defensive
lapses, Ireland won a thrill-packed game at
Twickenham today before a crowd of 60,000
by a goal and two tries (11 points) to two
goals (10 points) and on their display Ireland
stand a fine chance of winning the Interna-
tional Rugby Union championship.

It was Ireland's second suc-
cessive triumph on the Twicken-
ham ground, the first being
eight years ago.

Ireland, as expected, showed
a marked advantage in the set
pieces where their young cap-
tain, C. Mullen, gained the bet-
ter of his hooking duels with
Hedderson.

England failed because their
backs did not mark closely. Too
often the Irish quarter-backs
were allowed, time in which to
develop their attacks.

All the Irish pack played
superbly. England's new full-
back, Uren, kicked a fine
length but his fielding did not
always inspire confidence.

Callan, Kyle and McKay
scored tries for Ireland with B.
Mullan converting the first.

Guest scored England's two
tries, both of which Uren con-
verted.—Reuter.

Taft Sticks Out On ERP

Denver, Colo., Feb. 14.

Senator Robert Taft, Re-
publican candidate for the
Presidency, declared today
that \$5,300,000,000, proposed
as the initial American
contribution to European
aid in the draft bill an-
nounced by the Senate For-
eign Relations Committee
last night, was "too large."

Senator Taft, who heads
the Senate Republican
Policy Committee, told
newsmen that he expects
an open debate on the aid
legislation in Congress to
bring a reduction of the
amount proposed by the
Senate Committee.—Reuter.

Coal Output Competition

London, Feb. 15.

The Scottish miners are main-
taining the lead in the national
coal output competition for the
Mitchell Hedges Trophy.

By scoring 55 points for the
week ending Jan. 31, the Scot-
tish Division now have reached
the total of 950 points.

Britain's smallest coalfield,
Kent, has moved to second
place, with a total of 737 points.
The Southwestern Division
(South Wales, Monmouthshire,
Somerset and Forest Dean) have
dropped to third place with 688
points.—Reuter.

The Doctors' Plebiscite

London, Feb. 15.

The doctors' plebiscite to de-
cide their attitude towards the
National Health Service Act
finished yesterday. The count-
ing staff will now deal with the
voting forms received yesterday
on Monday when accountants
will make their final calcu-
lations.

The figures will be kept secret
until placed before members of
the British Medical Association
Council, which will be meeting
next Wednesday.—Reuter.

GOLDSMITHS GO BACK TO WORK

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

Fifty-eight local goldsmiths re-
opened yesterday following the
approval of the Social Affairs
Bureau but no actual transactions
took place because of lack of a
suitable price scale.

These goldsmiths, after one
year's suspension of business be-
cause of the Government's emer-
gency economic regulations ban-
ning transactions in gold and
foreign currencies, resumed ac-
tivities on the basis that for every
ounce of gold they sell they
will pay NC\$500,000 to the
Social Affairs Bureau as mis-
cellaneous fees.

Thirty-eight other goldsmiths
are expected to reopen later this
month.—Reuter.

EX-PREMIER GIVEN FREEDOM

Baghead, Feb. 15.

Salih Jabur, ex-Premier of
Iraq, who resigned after his
Cabinet had rejected the Anglo-
Iraqi Portsmouth Treaty, left for
Cairo yesterday in an Iraqi Air-
ways plane.

The Government allowed him
to go, after it had been reported
that the ex-Premier would not
be able to leave Iraq pending in-
vestigation of the use of machine-
guns against demonstrators at
the time of the treaty disorders.
—Reuter.

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THE U.S.A. AND PALESTINE

Mr. Marshall Answers Some Questions

Britain Responsible For Peace And Order

Washington, Feb. 14.

The United States Government did not know what steps were necessary to carry out the partition of Palestine, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said here today.

The United States Government, he added, also has no information indicating that British arms deliveries to the Arabs had "interfered" with the United Nations partition decision. These statements were made in a letter to 30 Congressmen who had asked a series of questions of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Marshall's reply was published by the Republican representative, Mr. Jacob Javits. The Congressman had asked if it were true Britain was allowing the continued arms shipments to the Arab nations and, if so, did this interfere with the carrying out of the partition?

Mr. Marshall quoted a British Government announcement in Parliament 10 days ago that they had no reason to suppose material supplied to the Arabs under treaties for arms purchases would be used in Palestine.

To a question whether the activities of Arab nations in their announced violent resistance to the United Nations decision endangered international peace, Mr. Marshall replied:

"There have, thus far, been no overt acts which, in the decision of the Security Council, have been determined to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security in the terms of the United Nations Charter."

Mr. Marshall added that Britain remained responsible for peace and security in Palestine. Another question was what would be the instructions of the United States to its United Nations delegate on the questions referred by the United Nations Palestine Commission to the Security Council regarding the means for making effective the General Assembly's decision on Palestine?

No Instructions

Mr. Marshall replied: "In the absence of knowledge as to the contents of the Palestine Commission's next report, it has been impossible to formulate instructions."

Asked finally what the United States was prepared to do to help implement partition, Mr. Marshall said that while it had been working on the legal and economic aspects, "it is not possible for this Government to determine in advance the steps which may be necessary for carrying out" the partition decision.

This could not be done until the Security Council had studied the Commission's report.

Zionist Meeting

Eight hundred delegates flocked into Washington today to attend a special meeting of the American Zionist Emergency Council, which will tomorrow start a debate on the United States Government's alleged

"inertia" towards the United Nations Palestine partition plan. A preliminary statement defining the Council's attitude said:

"Although the need for an international force to implement the Palestine decision is clearly indicated and has been recommended by the United Nations Palestine Commission, no positive declaration on these vital issues has been made by our Government."

"The United States has failed to act with strength and conviction," Reuter.

Europe To Need More Aid Very Soon

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee's formula for reducing the initial Marshall Plan appropriations may, if adopted by Congress, mean a 20 per cent cut to the 16 European nations and western Germany in their dollar allocations under the plan.

The Committee unanimously voted last night to cut the first instalment of aid funds by \$1,500 million and limited the period of its expenditure to one year.

Under this scheme, Britain would get approximately \$1,364 million instead of the \$1,760 million originally estimated.

Similar cuts would be made in other appropriations for the remaining 15 nations and Western Germany.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Committee, stressed, however, that the cut in the funds did not represent an actual reduction in the original State Department estimates, which contained the same \$5,300 million figure for the plan's first year expenditure starting on April 1.

"Improvement"

President Truman had asked for \$6,800 million for the first year and a quarter but Senator Vandenberg claimed this "bill" was "wholly in keeping with the basic concepts of the original formula and is really a great improvement in many critical respects."

While the House of Representatives may make further attempts to cut the aid dollar under the Plan, there is considerable hope that the Vandenberg formula will eventually emerge intact.—Reuter.

Need For Speed

Washington, Feb. 15.

Congress may face an urgent demand for more stopgap European aid unless the Mar-

Truman Wants To Know Why

Washington, Feb. 14.

President Truman today ordered his Council of Economic Advisors to conduct an investigation into the recent drop in commodity and security markets, and attempt to evaluate its real significance.

The Council, under the chairmanship of Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, will hold a series of six conferences with representatives of industry, labour, farming and consumers.—Reuter.

BENELUX AND LONDON

London, Feb. 14.

Britain, France and the United States have agreed that the question of how the Benelux powers should be associated with the work of the London conference on Germany shall be point one of the conference agenda.

This decision follows the receipt of the French comments on the draft agenda for the tripartite conference, which is due to open on February 19.—Reuter.

Germany A 'Sham Democracy'

Munich, Feb. 14.

Dr. Friedrich Schaeffer, the former Premier of Bavaria, who was recently allowed to return to politics after being banned by the American authorities for favouring nationalism and militarism and obstructing denazification, declared today that the Government of Germany was a "sham democracy".

Addressing a meeting of the Christian Social Union, of which he was later elected leader, Dr. Schaeffer said: "Nothing has happened in Germany since 1945 by the will of the German people—all important decisions have been imposed by the occupying powers."

"Relations of confidence between the occupying powers and Germany cannot be established on a pattern of relations between a colonial power and its natives",—Reuter.

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Ten Germans, arrested and accused of arson and conspiracy against Czechoslovakia, were alleged in an official police statement today to belong to a secret Nazi organisation called "B.B.B." (Bund Blauer Blume). A recent fire which destroyed a factory at Lhatec, northern Bohemia, was alleged to have been caused by the arrested Germans.—Reuter.

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We also wish to thank the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong, and the Very Rev. A. P. Rose, Dean of the Cathedral for their great kindness and for the impressive service held in St. John's Cathedral.

RUSSIA AND THE WEST

Relations between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia may be expected to deteriorate still further during the next six months. That seems to be the hard fact that must be faced. It is extremely unlikely that they will be able to arrive at any form of agreement on the post-war peace settlements in the foreseeable future. That is the natural conclusion to be drawn from the first premise.

Nevertheless, neither means that the dust will be finally slammed. There do exist hopes—which are probably echoed in Moscow—that an easing of differences may make itself apparent within a year's time, though it may well be several years more before the Powers can meet around a table and settle all outstanding points.

The crucial factor would appear to be the success or failure of the Marshall Plan and the Bevin Plan, the former for the economic recovery of Europe, the latter for the breaking down of its political and economic barriers. The Marshall Plan is not expected to stabilise European economy until near the end of the estimated 4-year period; the Bevin Plan has yet to be discussed.

That Mr. George Marshall himself realises the inter-dependence of the two plans is shown by the speech he made at Des Moines, Iowa, on Friday night, when he publicly endorsed Mr. Bevin's appeal for some form of "Western European Union." His remarks can be expected to accelerate and encourage the efforts of the European Powers to break down the barriers between them and achieve that stability and unity so badly needed. This, in turn, will revive speculation as to whether or not, if such a Western European Union is formed, the United States would consider favourably a proposal for some form of military alliance.

It is unlikely that the initiative for such a proposal would come from Washington, but American encouragement of Western European countries in resisting Soviet Communist pressure makes it equally unlikely that an approach would meet with a strong rebuff.

American foreign policy today takes the line that if Europe is not assisted along the road to an early recovery—say, by 1952 or 1953—the Russians will consolidate their hold on Eastern Europe and try to gain control of the whole continent. The United States has committed itself to a policy of encouraging the European countries to resist Soviet pressure.

As to the future, the Americans seem resigned to seeing relations with Russia via a vis the Western Powers grow worse during the coming months. The early success of such stabilising factors as the Marshall and Bevin Plans, however, may well bring about an improvement in the situation.

For some days now, there have been rumours of "peace

LONDON TODAY AND TOMORROW

By William Banks

same main principles first set out by Sir Patrick Abercrombie, though his estimate of 10 years as the time required to put it into effect must seem optimistic in the light of the Government's decision to put capital expenditure for the time being.

Bravely speaking the Abercrombie Plan aims to discourage the further growth of industry and population in the London area and to provide for their better distribution. More specifically this means moving about a million and a quarter of the population to brand-new "satellite" towns about 60 kilometres from London's centre. These satellite towns will have a maximum population of 60,000 each and will be self-contained communities with their own industries, shops and facilities for recreation. The original plan had envisaged 10 such satellites, but for various reasons six of the proposed sites were found to be unsuitable and have been discarded. Services—such as water supplies or communications—were found in some cases to be unsuitable. In others the spot chosen was too near other centres of development, with the consequent danger of congestion; if two satellites were to merge their whole purpose would be lost.

Something Must Be Done

Of course it is only fair to note that by Western standards, London is not by any means a giant capital. Its planning problems, for instance, are much easier than those of London. London's 8,301,401 inhabitants represent over half of the population of Egypt, and every month they are swelled by a further 40,000. Already about one in every four families in the United Kingdom live in London. If one takes into account the vast damage inflicted by bombers, rockets and flying bombs in World War II—with the consequent shortage of accommodation—it becomes clear that something must be done if this monstrous swelling is not to damage Britain's national life.

The fact that action was necessary has been seen for some years. But for generations the rights of private enterprise to operate with the minimum of restriction has been a doctrine sacred in Britain that little more than discussion emerged. The upshot is that you have a comparatively small central district almost entirely devoted to shops, business premises and places of entertainment surrounded by many square kilometres of residential suburbs, few of which have adequate facilities for communal life within easy reach of the citizen's home.

Profound Change

But during World War II the mood of Britain's people underwent a profound change. Many of them came to the conclusion that once the fighting came to an end there were a great many things in their country which needed putting right. It was, therefore, opportune that in 1942 the world-famous British architect, Sir Patrick Abercrombie, was commissioned to outline the new well-known plan for the development of the area known as Greater London—the central part of the capital together with its outer suburbs.

Since the Abercrombie Plan was published in 1942, it has been examined by Government departments, municipal authorities, technical experts of various kinds and the representatives of interests affected by its proposals. Such a comprehensive examination has inevitably brought with it alterations to the plan in many details. But fundamentally it rests on the

The Green Belt

One of the results of these amendments to the original plan is that it has become necessary to envisage limited inroads into what is known as the Green Belt. It should be explained that lack of planning in the London area during the last half century has enabled speculative builders to erect strings of unsightly villas along the main highways leading out of London. This has happened to such an extent that in some cases one must drive a car for fully an hour before one leaves the built-up area. Sir Patrick proposed that a halt should be called to this defacement of the English countryside and that there should be created a belt of territory running right round London where no more building should be allowed. Now it appears that a proportion of the population to be resettled, numbering 167,000 people, will have to be moved into parts of the Green Belt. Fortunately, however, the area of the Green Belt is sufficiently extensive for the effect not to be too great.

These are, of course, but the salient points of the plan. It is both detailed and comprehensive, providing for location of industry, markets, future transport facilities, highways (including 10 new radial highways) and three ring roads round London, and airports. In the initial stages 150 local authorities were concerned in the plan's execution. Britain's Town and Country Planning Act reduces these to 10, thus making it much easier to co-ordinate the local needs of each area into a comprehensive whole.

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Americans Running Into Difficulty

New York, Feb. 9. American efforts to improve their military position in Europe and the Middle East are running into serious difficulties.

The growth of a fiery nationalism among the Arab states, complicated by opposition to the partitioning of Palestine, has interfered with plans for a Middle Eastern entente.

Traditional neutrality and an apparent desire to exact economic concessions in return for military promises mark the Dutch and Belgian reception of plans for a five-power alliance in Western Europe.

(The Dutch are so meticulous about their neutrality that in 1940, faced five days in advance with the knowledge of the impending German invasion, they nevertheless declined to ask for French and British aid in order to keep their neutral record clear.)

Sweden, trying to ride out the American-Russian storm with a Scandinavian bloc which leans neither to the right nor the left, opposes the European bloc, as likely to unbalance the pressure against her.

Embarrassed

Italy's Government has let the United States know that it is being embarrassed in its critical election campaign by the capital which Communists are making out of the presence of American fleet units in Italian waters. Ostensibly, on manoeuvres and paying a "friendship" visit, the fleet actually represents support of the small body of U.S. troops in Trieste, and of general U.S. policy in the Mediterranean. At Trieste 5,000 Americans are present.

Some objections to the developing Anglo-American strategic patterns just have to be overridden. To do so would go against the U.S. grain, but necessity is the mother of action in cold war as in hot.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Do you suppose there's anything in this talk about wages being too high? I'm making so much now that I can't afford to take a day off!"

CHEN LI-FU IS MINUS AN ELECTRIC STOVE

Nanking, Feb. 9. Chen Li-fu, Secretary General of the Kuomintang's highest policy making organ, the Central Political Council, and one of the most powerful figures in the Chinese government, is minus a stove, an electric stove.

I owe him for it. I broke it to pieces. It was an accident.

And in the above fact is a story, the story of the austerity programme for China that is reaching into the homes and offices of every Chinese, from the top-ranking members of the government right on down the line.

Chen Li-fu's house is as cold as the pavements outside, and it was his efforts to make it a bit more comfortable for this correspondent and others with me that led to one owing him a stove.

Miles W. Vaughn, United Press vice-president for East Asia, Chang Kuo-sin, United Press Staff Correspondent at Nanking, and myself, were ushered into the reception room of Chen's home to wait a few minutes until he could be free to keep an appointment with us.

"Luscious Heat"

A servant brought in the electric stove, plugged it in and we immediately began to bask in the luscious heat it gave forth. We had come to Chen's home in a jeep, curtainless and entirely exposed to the near-zero weather that was emphasized by a howling snow-storm. We were shivering and shaking when we arrived. The room was as cold as the streets through which the blizzard was raging.

I sought to stand closer to the stove and succeeded in giving it a kick that sent it over on its back. Sparks flew. Heat ended. A few minutes later we were ushered into Chen's dining room.

Then to the office of Prime Minister Chang Chun, who also is President of the Executive Yuan. Same setting, same climate.

Little heat but lots of hot tea. It appears by magic everywhere. You cannot escape it.

Other departments of the government are not exempt.

Out of Action

The Information Ministry's telephones were out of service and had been for two days. The Ministry was no more able to get its service restored than would any private individual. The equipment is 10 years old and there is little that can be done for it.

Every day without fail electric service is disrupted, and when the lights go out, they pick no favourites. The Foreign Office, the Finance Ministry, any other office, is likely to be forced to bring out the candles.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
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NO SENSE TO SUCH BIDS

So-called "psychic" bidding, when there is no sound logic underlying it, can inject fireworks into the game, but is more likely to singe the user than the spectators. But if you have for a partner a player addicted to the indiscriminate use of such tactics, it will pay you to keep your eyes and ears open, and do your utmost to protect the side from damage through his madness. There is no sense to some bids of that type, but they give the man across the table plenty of chance to use his thinking cap.

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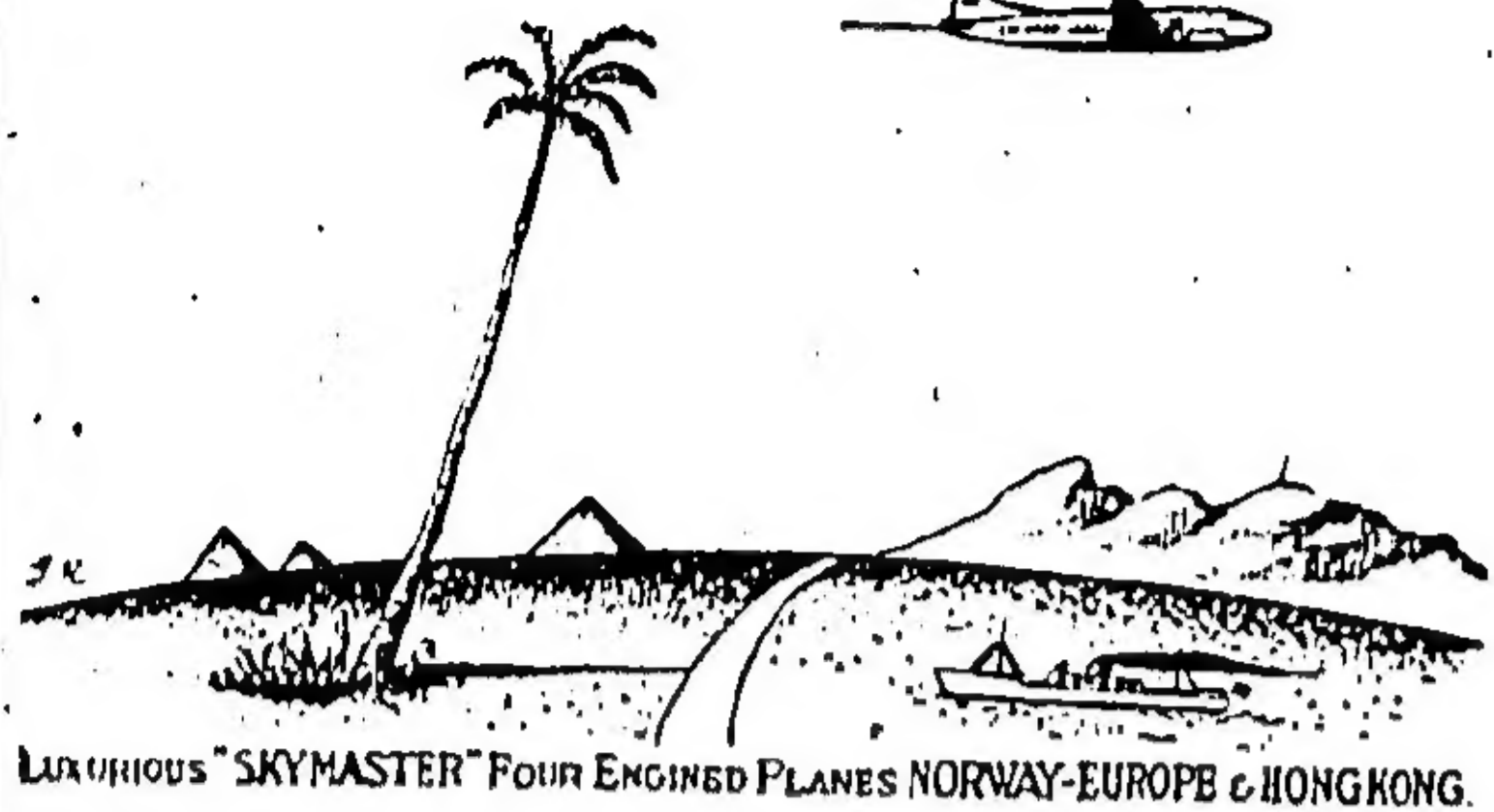
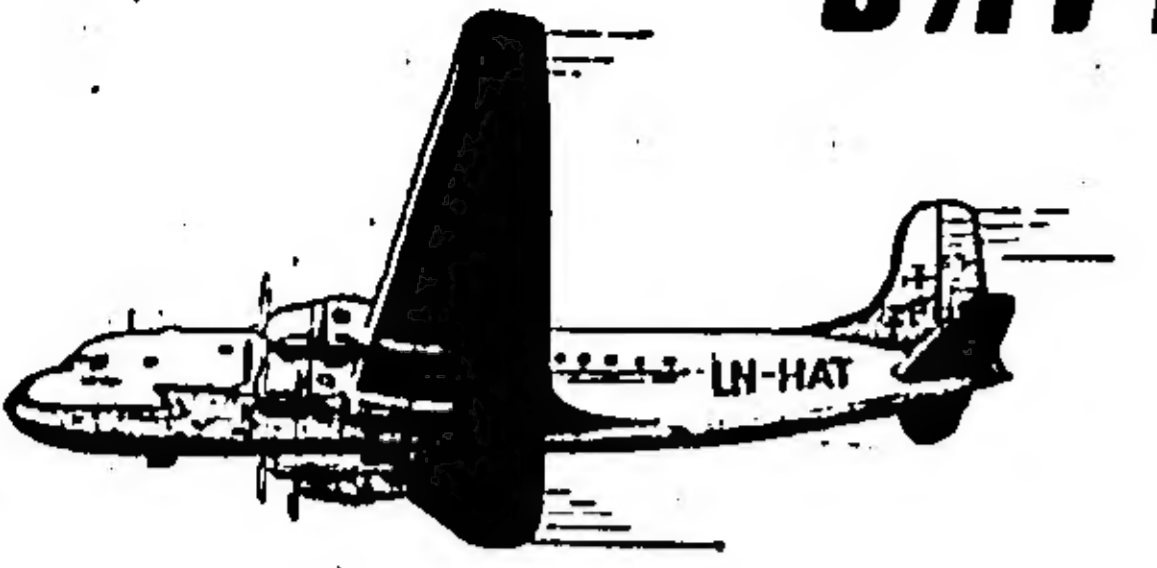
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Mr. Churchill Defines Some Things "We Must All Of Us Have In Common"

United Against Communism

London, Feb. 14.

In a nationwide broadcast, Mr. Winston Churchill declared tonight that Britain's Government and Opposition were united in their resistance to Communism and on the broad lines of foreign policy. Mr. Churchill, who was speaking as the leader of the Conservative opposition, said that he wanted to make it clear that he was not making any proposal for a coalition government, but he wished to dwell "upon some of the things we must all of us have in common."

These were that Britain had, firstly, "none of these fundamental, constitutional cleavages, possessed by so many of the other states and nations. The overwhelming mass of the British people upholds our free democratic, parliamentary institutions and our ancient monarchy under which across the centuries they have come into being."

"Secondly," Mr. Churchill continued, "the government and opposition are united in their resistance to the Communist conspiracy and to the hateful doctrine of Communism, which have proved fatal to human rights, as we understand them, in many parts of Europe."

"Thirdly, there is general agreement between all parties except the small but venomous Communist faction, upon the broad lines of our foreign policy."

"We are working even more closely with the United States and we are all trying our best to create a united Europe in which Great Britain will play her part."

Mr. Churchill criticised the Labour Party for its decision to discourage Labour participation in the conference for a united Europe, due to be held at the Hague next May, and appealed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, "whose devotion to the cause of European union is well known" not to ignore "his own responsibilities" in so large a question.

"I have been very glad to see the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, moving so steadily along these paths which I urged him to follow nearly two years ago."

"I am sorry, however, that certain elements in the Socialist ranks are trying to make the cause of a United Europe a monopoly of the Socialist Party," he went on.

The Hague conference has been welcomed by all parties, other than the Communists, throughout the countries of western Europe, the Conservative leader declared.

Petty Jealousies

"When I proclaimed this idea at Zurich in September, 1946, I earnestly hoped that it might be at once all party and above party, but through their petty jealousies and internal divisions, the government is being drawn into the grave and anti-social error of trying to form an exclusive union of the Socialists of Europe."

"If Europe is to be united, it can only be through the growing sense of brotherhood among

all the states and nations concerned, acting as living entities."

"In this way alone can the well-being of the vast majority of ordinary simple families and homes be revived and maintained. The Socialists by themselves will never have the strength of weaving Europe together as they and we desire."

"They will need all the help and goodwill of all the men in all the lands. It is a wanton and reckless act for the Socialist Party to try to paralyse all other efforts but their own, and if they succeed it will involve them in the lasting discredit of having, by their narrowness and bitterness, inflicted injury upon the whole free world."

Dizzy Bull-Dog

Turning to home affairs, Mr. Churchill launched into an attack on the Socialist planners, who he said: "Keep the British bull-dog running round after his own tail till he is dizzy and then wonder that he cannot keep the wolf from the door."

He had done his best to help

Winnie To Make A Fighting Speech

London, Feb. 14.

The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, will make a fighting speech in Parliament on Monday against the abolition of the 350-year-old University constituencies under the Government's new Representation of the People Bill.

With the University seats will disappear the "plural voter"—the elector who is entitled to general election votes both as a University graduate and private citizen, or as a business man and private citizen.

A curtain raiser to Mr. Churchill's speech will be provided by the appearance at the Bar of the House of Commons of two Sheriffs

of the City of London, armed with a petition from the City Corporation protesting against the curtailment of its representation in the House of Commons.

It is proposed that, instead of two City Members, as now, there shall be one, whose constituency will be merged with one of the surrounding constituencies and so will lose its individuality.

The City of London—the business heart of the capital—enjoys many centuries-old privileges, one of which is that of sending its Sheriffs to the Bar of the House of Commons. It is more than 20 years since the privilege was last exercised.

The City of London resents the proposal to disallow the business man's vote, which permitted him to go to the polls in the constituency where his business existed as well as to vote in the place where he lived.

The Labour Government is underlining the principle of "one man, one vote". The Conservatives, who support many of the provisions of the new Bill, approve this principle, but claim that the University and business men's votes could be retained by allowing these electors the choice of one or the other of their two votes.

The new Bill redraws the Parliamentary boundaries so as to reduce the number of Members of Parliament from 640 to 608, a provision of which the Conservatives approve. Opposition resentment is focussed chiefly on the abolition of the University seats, which they will point out, have never returned a Labour Member.

The Deposit

The Parliamentary candidature in Britain would be made easier in an amendment to abolish the £150 deposit, required from candidates, were accepted.

This, seems unlikely. Under the present circumstances, a candidate forfeits his deposit if he fails to poll an eighth of the total vote cast. The deposit is a protection of the public against frivolous candidates, and at the last general election the country collected nearly £225,000 in forfeited deposits.

The Paisley, Scotland, Parliamentary bye-election on Wednesday will provide the first test of the effectiveness of the Conservative-Liberal Coalition against a Labour Government candidate.

Prank Cost A Life

Halifax, Feb. 14.

A Halifax Coronet's fury were told at Halifax that two young nurses put methyl-alcohol into an empty beer bottle as a joke.

A student nurse, Elizabeth Chestnutt, 21, of Belfast, died after drinking from the bottle.—Reuter.

And Love Will Find A Way

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

The Russian ban forbidding Soviet citizens to marry people of other nationalities is not working well here in Shanghai, according to Russian sources. Love, they say, has won out over Soviet citizenship in at least 40 cases.

Soviet citizens who marry non-Soviet citizens lose citizenship. Of course, this has broken up a number of intended marriages in the Russian community and a number of others are teetering on the brink of indecision.

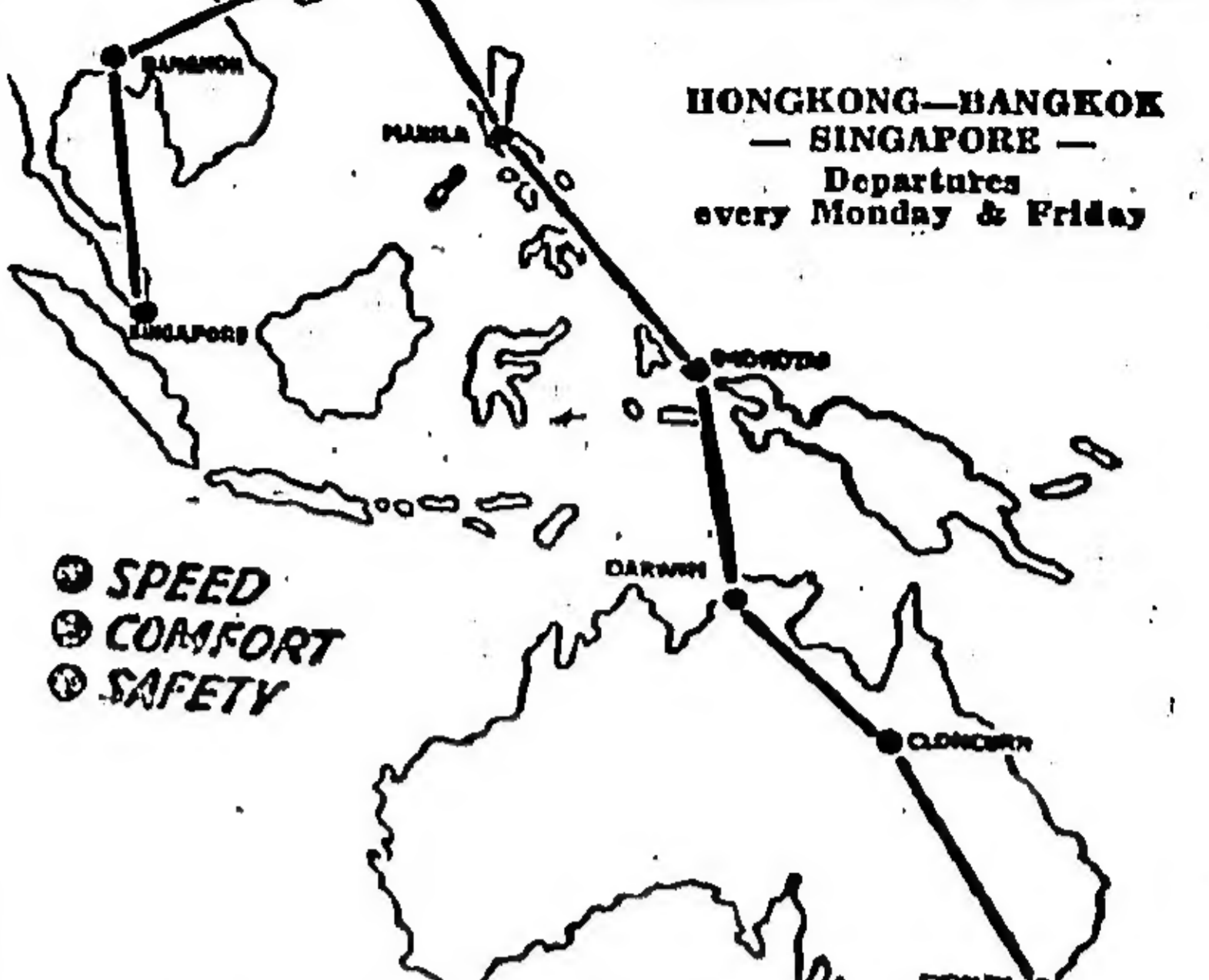
Soviet girls—most of whom were born and raised in Shanghai—are the worse offenders, according to these sources. About 40 of them have relinquished Russian citizenship to marry men from such countries as the United States, France, Australia, Canada and Norway.

Men, it is understood, are not so fickle. These sources said a Russian sailor in Shanghai, Constantin Yakubovich, 35, has given his American fiancée a tough decision. She was reportedly Polish by birth but is now an American citizen modelling in New York.

Sources said he cabled her telling her that she will have to take Soviet citizenship if their marriage is to go through.—United Press.

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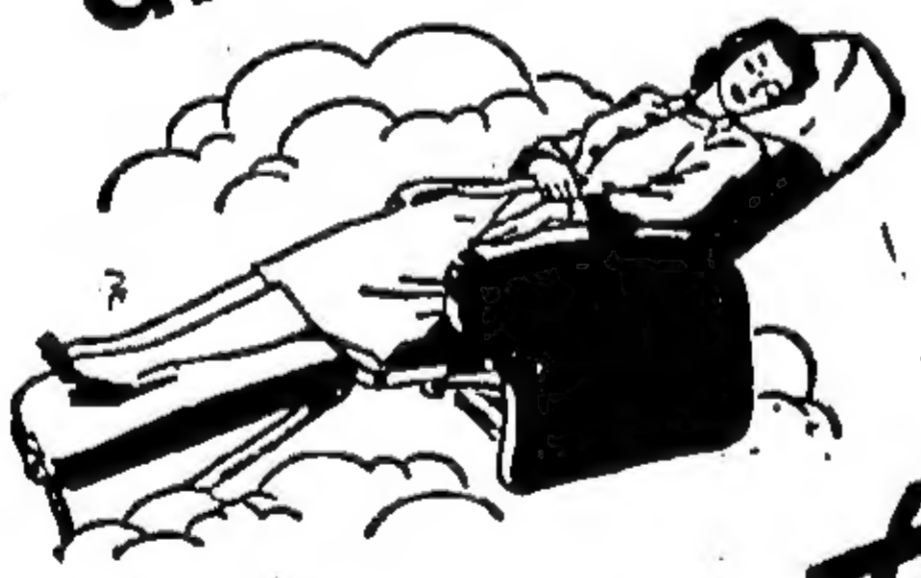
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France's "War" On Communism

Paris, Feb. 14. A highly placed informant tonight pictured the French government's efforts to roll back prices as its second battle against international Communism.

"We are at war with international Communism," the informant, in a private conversation, said. "We won the first battle last November and December when the Communists unsuccessfully tried to provoke a general strike. Now the government is trying to halt the rise in prices, and, if possible, force them down. This is the second battle with the Communists and the government is doomed if it is lost."

The informant would not permit use of his name. Three varying estimates of price increases since December 1 have been given:

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.), 21 1/2 per cent.

The non-Communist branch of the C.G.T., which broke away in December, 15 per cent.

The Government, 10 per cent.

The Communists are reported to be preparing a demand for a 20 per cent. wage increase based on the need of meeting higher prices. After the December test of strength with the Communists, the Government granted general wage raises to workers and promised to keep prices down, provided there were no wage hikes before June 1.

Further Demands

The informant said that if the government cannot keep its share of the bargain by controlling prices, the door is wide open for further labour demands. He said the Communists can be expected to exploit such demands.

Premier Robert Schuman and his ministers indicated the seriousness of the situation by the speedy drafting of a bill to punish those guilty of unjustified price raising. —Associated Press.

Strikes A Form Of Sabotage

Brussels, Feb. 14. M. Achille van Acker, Belgian Minister of Communications and acting Minister of Labour, today denounced the strikes affecting five per cent. of the country's working population as "sabotage" organized by political purposes.

"This movement is related to similar moves in neighbouring countries and was planned as sabotage of the most important public services or essential points of vital industries," he said in a communiqué.

"We have decreed civil mobilization in the gas works and power stations. All those who have not responded to this call will be summoned before the courts and prosecuted."

"As regards members of public services, such as the post office, those not resuming work on Monday may consider themselves dismissed."

The total number affected by the Belgian strikes today reached 140,000.

Observers here believe that the solidarity reigning among all classes of the population since the liberation is being threatened by the strikes.

The police were called to restore order in Brussels when a group of postmen attempted to clear the public from the Brussels Post Office Bank. —Reuter.

FLOODS IN TURKEY

Ankara, Feb. 14. Heavy damage and loss of life are feared in parts of West Anatolia, where flood waters are rising after a week of heavy rain and snowstorms. Rescue teams are trying to reach villages and farms cut off by the rising waters. —Reuter.

Why Nanking Picks On Hong Kong

Shanghai, Feb. 15. Well-informed sources said here today that many of the Chinese Government's diplomatic demands, which a number of observers feel are unreasonable in view of China's war-weakened position, are forced as a counter-measure to propaganda by the Chinese Communist party.

These sources said that if the Central Government did not stand against the United States in demanding that Japan be kept weak; if she didn't rage against Great Britain about Hong Kong; and if she didn't demand control of the Ryukyus, the Communists would redouble their charges that Chiang Kai-shek is selling China out to "foreign imperialism."

This, they said, is a subject about which the Chinese people are touchy and over which their feelings can be quickly worked up. It has been the consistent policy of the Communist radio station "somewhere in North Shensi" to drum away at the theme that Chiang Kai-shek has sold China to American imperialism. Whenever possible, he is charged with being a "running dog" with British, French and Dutch "imperialism." Chinese Communist propaganda organs in Hong Kong keep the same cry going.

Easy Victims

The Chinese people, these sources said, with the rankling memory of the unequal treaties and extraterritoriality which have been the rallying ground for many wide-spread demonstrations are easy victims to this propaganda.

Whether the Central Government is sincere or not, they said, it is forced to keep plugging away at China's sovereignty as a reason for more or less belligerent disagreements with powers like America who are the only nations in a position to give China real and effective aid.

The Central Government has no other choice, these sources said, in the face of Communist propaganda that aims at turning the people of Nationalist China against Chiang Kai-shek. —United Press.

They Can Make Gold, But It Disappears

Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 14. University of California radiation scientists reported today they are now able to manufacture gold but the gold disappears after a few hours.

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This gold, it is believed, will be useful to medical research. —United Press.



By Georgina H. Cooper

Chapter I

Chris Hunter brought the heavy sedan expertly to a stop in the driveway, hugging the big, fieldstone house. Under the late afternoon sun, Beverly Drive lay quiet in the shade of Southern California's ubiquitous palms and eucalyptus trees. One of many beautiful homes lining the exclusive residential street, the Hunter place was broad-beamed and spacious-looking and wore that air of cheerful complacency which derives from years of loving care.



Before she could scream, he clapped his hand over her mouth.

exclaimed when Bob told her he would catch the next plane home. "That's three whole days earlier than we planned! I'll meet you! What time does the plane get in?"

"Six-thirty tomorrow morning, dear," Bob said. "So I don't think you'd better plan on..."

"But I insist, darling! I've been up that early before. And besides, I'll give me a good excuse to get away from Paula's party early."

Someone was playing the piano and the thin wail of blues mingled with the subdued murmurs of the restless, attractive women and their nervously attentive male escorts. Paula was at the bar.

"They need 'em like a hole in the head!" she observed blandly to the bartender as she took the proffered tray of fresh cocktails for her guests.

Larry Hannaford, arriving fashionably late, greeted Chris with surprise. "What are you doing here?" he demanded.

Chris smiled. "Practising my broken-field running!"

His glance swept over the crowded, smoke-filled room. "Looks that way," he agreed. "Mr. Hannaford?" Paula's loud welcome interrupted, resounding heartily from across the big room. "It's about time you got here!" she scolded, sailing swiftly toward him. "Fine thing, my trying to give a party without the guest of honour!" She caught his hand and led him toward the center of the room.

"Quiet, everybody! Quiet! I wish to make a speech!" The hum and chatter subsided as the guests gathered around her expectantly. Paula's hand rested on Larry's shoulder.

"The time has come," she began importantly, "to tell you why I gave this party. As you all know, six years ago I committed a crime against society..." here she paused for effect.

"I married a man."

"Anyway," Paula went on, "I've taken my punishment and today I was pardoned—pardoned—which is it anyway?"

"Divorced!" a feminine voice interferred.

"Don't be crude," said Paula. "Anyway, I wish to pay tribute now to the man who made all this possible—Larry Hannaford!"

"I just do the paper work," Larry interrupted modestly. "The rest I leave to the ladies."

Beverly Drive slept peacefully under a bright and watchful moon casting long shadows over the low-slung roof tops. In the deep, intensive quiet, Chris' footsteps echoed loud on the driveway as she made her way to the library entrance at the front of the house. Sliding the key into the lock, she heard it open with a familiar click. In the same moment, a wave of anxiety surged through her leaving, in its wake, a sudden icy terror. She trembled visibly, overwhelmed by the sickening sensation that someone was watching her. She turned quickly. Before she could scream, a man

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BY ORDER
S. A. Slop
Asst. Secretary

Pan-Orthodox Church Conference

London, Feb. 13. The Russian Orthodox Church has decided to revive its plans to hold a Pan-Orthodox Church Conference in Moscow this year. According to a statement issued by the Rumanian Legation, a preliminary meeting to draw up the agenda will be held in Moscow on Monday.

Plans for such a conference, the two Russian satellite states, which were well advanced a few months ago, but were dropped by Alexei, Patriarch of Moscow, in the face of the opposition of the Oecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople, Maximos, and various other Orthodox Patriarchs, who considered that a Pan-Orthodox Conference ought only to be summoned by the Oecumenical Patriarch.

Archbishop Germanos, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Western Europe, who is in London, said the conference "will strive to enhance the prestige of the Russian Orthodox Church as well as make the church serve the political power in Eastern Europe."

Satellites Only The Greek Orthodox Church and the ancient Patriarchates of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem and Cyprus, would not be represented at the conference, he said, and "this means that only

DE-NAZIFIED

Cassid, Feb. 14. Professor Wilhelm Groth, the German scientist who gave away atom secrets during the war, has been cleared by the de-nazification court at Hagen, north of Cassel, the German news agency, DFD, reported today.

Groth, who joined the Nazi Party in 1937, worked at the German Institute for Physical Chemistry during the war and gave information about German atomic research to the Danish Nobel prize winner, Professor Niels Bohr. —Reuter.

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The Frenchmen may disband their dollar assets on the free market but hoarders of hidden gold have an even better chance, though they will probably retain their gold, for French monetary history since 1914 has proved gold's value.

Money Market Review

London, Feb. 14. Wednesday, with substantial Treasury deposit receipt maturities, brought much needed relief to a market that spent the earlier part of the week searching for accommodation and in some cases has been forced to seek official assistance.

Although requirements have not been particularly heavy, the calling in of funds by several banks made difficult even the satisfaction of comparatively small demands.

The latter part of the week saw easier conditions continuing with revenue payments offset by further maturities, with banks ready lenders, and the remainder of the week passed with all borrowers able to obtain their requirements.

Business in bills remained modest. The Bank of England return showed that the contraction of active note circulation continues unabated, a further £10,500,000 were returned to the Bank in the past week, leaving a total of active issue at around £1,250,000,000, which was £127,500,000 lower than level of one year ago.

Applicants for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalling £240,000,000 of which £170,000,000 were allotted at the rate of ten shillings and 0.92 pence per cent. —Reuter.

Korean Request Put Before The UNO

Lake Success, Feb. 13. A request to remove the Korean question from the agenda of the Little Assembly, meeting next week, was made today by Louise Yim, the United Nations delegate for the Korean Peoples' Representative Assembly.

The Korean request was made in view of the agreement by major Korean leaders to support elections under United Nations supervision.

The Secretary-General was also informed that anti-United Nations and anti-American riots in Korea had abated.

Louise Yim stated: "There seems to be little need to refer to the interim committee. The commission has a plan to proceed despite Soviet non-co-operation. Should the agenda include Korea, however, all Koreans hope the discussions will be brief, and that the commission will be instructed to complete its mission. We have just come through a dangerous crisis. Delay could cause another." —Reuter.

Elections Denounced
Washington, Feb. 13. A former member of the South Korea Interim Legislative Assembly denounced today the proposal to hold elections in South Korea.

Warren Y. Kim, member of the Assembly last year, by appointment of General Hodge as representative of Koreans resident in Hawaii, told a press conference that "Rightists would win such an election and establish a Fascist dictatorship under Syngman Rhee."

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French Imports

Paris, Feb. 14. The newly established French Import Commission has fixed the amounts of credits for imports from the sterling area for the first quarter of 1948 at £59,000,000, according to French press reports.

Actual requirements are estimated at about £100,000,000 and the total granted may be increased if the French Treasury releases further foreign currency. —Reuter.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Feb. 16. The stock market continued to display selectively greater tendencies today, after Tuesday's sharp break since last April, but declines were the slower in most of the three months and the averages showed a substantial loss for the week. Bidding in the concluding session was credited mainly to the idea a technical comeback was overdue.

Variances from most pivotal issues were in fractions. There were 28,000 transfers. Market makers included Union Pacific, American Woolen, Gulf Oil. Among the leaders were Santa Fe, Woolworth, Pepsi Cola, Paramount Pictures.

Down Jones averages were: Stocks 68.09, Industrials 16.18, 15 Rails 48.39, 10 Utilities 31.73.

Bonds were uneven. Cash gainers included Cities Service, Salt Domes Oil. Stock quotations: Adams Express 15, American Smelting 17 1/2, American Telephone 10 1/2, American Tobacco 62 1/2, American Waterworks 7, Anaconda Copper 31 1/2, Aviation Corp. 4 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 12 1/2, Barnhill 32 1/2, Bendis Aviation 20 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2, Borden Co. 30 1/2, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J.I. Case 37 1/2, Chrysler 64 1/2, Calumet 30 1/2, Commercial Solvent 20 1/2, Dupont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 38 1/2, Electric Light and Power 14 1/2, General Electric 32 1/2, General Motors 61 1/2, Goodrich 51, Goodyear 41, International Harvester 31 1/2, International Tel. & Tel. 12, Johns-Manville 35, Kennecott Copper 42 1/2, Montpelier 20 1/2, National Distillers 19 1/2, National Lead 31, New York Central 12 1/2, Packard Motors 4 1/2, Pan American Airways 3 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2, Radio Corp. 8, Republic Steel 23 1/2, Republic Tobacco 38, Schenley 26 1/2, Sears Roebuck 35, Shell Oil 31, Sweeney Vacuum 16 1/2, Southern Pacific 40 1/2, Standard Brands 23 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 61 1/2, Standard Oil of Ind. 51 1/2, Sunbater 17 1/2, Union Carbide 23 1/2, U.S. Rubber 40, U.S. Steel 69 1/2, U.S. Lines 19, Westinghouse 20, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 67 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 11 1/2. —Associated Press.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 15. The Argentine cattle market hit record highs on Friday. The new tops were registered shortly after the new British-Argentine trade agreement had raised export meat prices. —Associated Press.

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Worth St. Has The Jitters

New York, Feb. 14. New York's famous Worth Street — textile capital of the world — has developed a severe case of jitters because of the plunge in commodity prices.

Cotton goods markets are wondering whether cotton—and cotton textiles—will be next. "There is no question but that cotton textiles prices are vulnerable," one market observer said. "They are 300 to 500 per cent higher than before the war."

The industry generally has adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Buyers are not anxious to place new orders for future delivery. Some mills say they are going to see what happens before taking more forward orders.

No matter what happens, some in the industry say, there will be no immediate change in prices. Consumers have to pay for men's shirts, women's house dresses, sheets and other cotton products. They say those goods already have been sold by manufacturers and the prices are set.

Others think a break in textile prices would cause retailers to mark down their spring goods.

One market observer said the next two weeks should tell the story on what is going to happen in textiles.

In the meantime cotton goods makers are keeping one eye on the consumer and retailer, and the other on the raw cotton market. —Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14. A party of 45 Turkish Air Force officers are expected here today for training under the American aid programme for Turkey. A force of 150 Turkish naval officers and men has been training at Norfolk, Virginia, for the past month. —Reuter.

Terre Haute, Indiana, Feb. 14. Mordred Brown, one of the greatest pitchers in major league baseball history, died here today, aged 71. —Associated Press.

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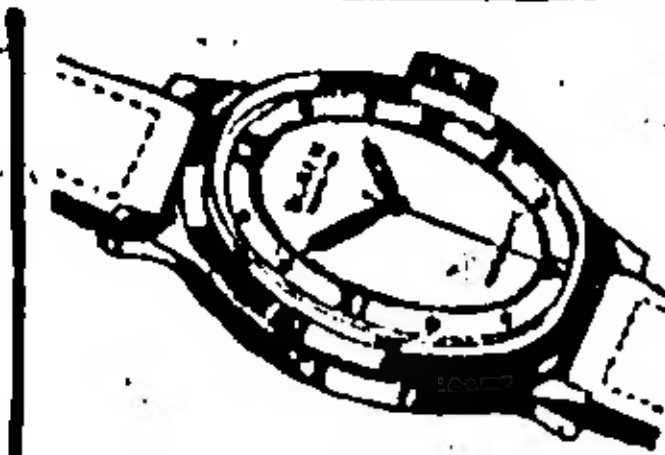
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POLICE SPRING SURPRISE Yesterday's Senior Division Soccer Upsets Sing Tao Cut The Margin Fine

The unexpected victory of Police over Chinese Athletic by two clear goals and the magnificent display put up by a weak St. Joseph's team against Sing Tao, when the latter won by the odd goal in five, were the outstanding features in yesterday's First Division soccer programme.

Club put up a good display in the early stages of the game against Kitchee, but after they lost the services of Fjelstad, who sustained a broken nose, and an injury to Barker, on the right wing, they were badly handicapped and were beaten by 5 goals to two.

At Soukumpo, the Inniskillings and Royal Air Force had easy wins against the Buffs and 25th Royal Artillery respectively.

SENIOR DIVISION

Club 2 Kitchee 5

On the Club ground yesterday Kitchee beat Hong Kong Football Club by five goals to two in the First Division of the Football League after leading three goals to one in the first half.

Club were forced to field a number of reserves owing to injuries and in spite of their defeat did well against a well-organized side. Club were early handicapped by injuries to Fjelstad, their left back and Barker, their right wing. For the greater part of the game they played without the services of Fjelstad.

Well-played a great game in the Club's attack and was rewarded with a good goal late in the game. Redman played hard but did not receive much support. He had the continual attentions of Yau Wai-ching who gave him no room to manoeuvre in.

Lee had no chance with the shots that beat him and on the whole gave a sound display. L. Strange was a hard worker and tackled well, but he was often caught out of position.

Kitchee scored first through Kwok Ying-kee but did not hold that lead long for Club equalised through Redman. Kitchee then pressed for a considerable period and Lee Hing-chai scored. The same player again netted soon after.

In the second half Kitchee pressed continually and shortly after the interval Kwok Ying-kee scored. Shortly after Kitchee were awarded a penalty which Leung converted.

The remainder of the game was a tussle between the Club defenders and the Kitchee forwards but the hard work of Forrow at centre half and the tackling of Hegg and Strange prevented them from scoring.

The best goal of the game was scored by Weller who sent in a hard drive from 26 yards out which gave Chui Shu-hang no chance.

Sing Tao 3 St. Joseph's 2

Sing Tao were badly off form and their forwards were woefully weak in front of goal and many scoring chances went begging through slowness in front of goal.

MacDougall for the Saints played a good game in goal. He started shakily in the first half and should have saved at least two of the three goals scored against him but in the second half he played well and brought off a number of good saves.

Outstanding player in the Saints' defence was A. Xavier, captain of the Junior side. He was very hard working and tackled well giving no chance to the Chinese to settle down. Manson on his flank was also a hard worker. He tackled hard and well but lacked the ball control so necessary to set his forwards in motion.

In the attack Gomes was by far the best. He was always assisting his hard pressed defence and when in possession made the best use of the ball. He sent Omar away on the wing on several occasions and was always a menace to the Sing Tao defence.

Omar, on the left wing, played a much better game than he did on the previous day. He had Hau Yung-sang fully occupied and sent over several good centres. He missed numerous good scoring chances.

Sing Tao took the field confidently but were fully extended for the greater part of the first half. Soong Ling-sing was playing a great game and was keeping a close check on Leonard, the Saints' centre forward.

Lau Chung-sang was fully occupied watching the left wing combination of Omar and Gomes and was not able to render the support to his forwards as in previous games. Chan Kam-hoi had an easy afternoon against St. Joseph's right wing and was always assisting his forwards.

Sing Tao forwards attempted to walk the ball into the net and they were continually frustrated by the hard tackling of Hussain and Rumjohn whose first time tackling was a feature of the game.

In the second half MacDougall regained his confidence and was bringing off a number of good saves from close range. Hussain was a great stumbling block to the Sing Tao attackers while Brown at right half did well against Chau Tsao-tung in keeping him subdued.

Goal Awarded
The opening stages of the game were closely contested. Saints were the first to attack and Leonard and Pereira went near scoring. Sing Tao took up the attack and a hot drive from Fung King-cheung was saved on the goal line by MacDougall but the referee awarded a goal. Saints were not long in arrears for shortly after Pereira equalised when he netted from close in.

Sing Tao were soon again in the lead when Ho Ying-fan beat MacDougall with a header and shortly after Fung King-cheung increased the lead when he netted following a free kick first outside the penalty area.

Before half time Leonard took advantage of an opening in the Sing Tao defence and netted easily.

The second half was all in favour of Sing Tao. Over-eagerness in front of goal prevented the Sing Tao players from scoring. MacDougall brought off a number of good saves and Hussain, Rumjohn and Xavier put up a great defensive display.

As the Saints were mostly on the defensive their forwards saw little of the ball but when in possession made the most of their chances. In the closing stages Yee Yu-tat was called upon to save from drives by Leonard, Gomes and Pereira.

There was no scoring in the second half.

Eastern 4 Navy 1

At Caroline Hill, Eastern beat Navy by four goals to one, but the score was hardly a true indication, as the sailors, although fielding a scratch XI, enjoyed as much of the game as their opponents.

Individually, the Navy were brilliant, but as a combination they lacked proper understanding.

Griggs, who deputised for Ade in goal, brought off a number of fine saves.

Rice and Bolton, the full backs, offered stubborn resistance to the Eastern forwards and by robust tackling, upset many dangerous moves.

Flintham, in the pivotal position, was safe and was well supported by Register and Allen.

Kitchen, who usually plays on the wing, took over as leader of the attack and with Peterson and Sleeman in support, continually worried the Eastern defence. Sleeman, a 17-year-old youngster, showed up well against well seasoned and experienced players. He

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Club	2	Kit	5
Sing Tao	3	St. Joseph's	2
Chinese A.A.	0	Pollack	2
Eastern	4	Navy	1
Buffs	1	Inniskillings	5
25th R.A.	1	R.A.F.	6

should develop into a player of outstanding ability and prove a valuable asset to the Navy.

The Eastern defence played a solid game and covered one another well, with Fok Yiu-wah repeatedly catching the eye with powerful clearances.

In the forward line, Lau Fook-chuen was the most forceful player. Lee Tak-kee, centre forward, wasted a lot of breath shouting instructions to his team mates as to what they should do with the ball.

Good Start

Eastern started off in business-like manner and Griggs did well to save a series of hard drives from close range. Navy gradually settled down and almost drew first blood when Sleeman received while unmarked, but his passing shot went wide. Ten minutes after the start, Lee Tak-kee, receiving in what appeared to be an off-side position, ran through to put the ball past Griggs from about three yards' range. In spite of this reverse, Navy enjoyed a major share of the game, but finishing touches to near approach work lacked punch. Shortly before half time, Leung Wing-kwong cut in from the left and scored with a hard ground shot.

On resumption, Griggs brought off a brilliant save as Lee Tak-kee rammed in a pley-drive from some five yards. Barrow took the ball down and Kitchee, gathering the pass, skinned the crossbar. Tam then saved well from Davis. Shortly afterwards, Lau Fook-chuen went through to beat Griggs and give Eastern their first goal. Tam was brought to his knees as Davis flushed the ball in from the left. Eastern's first goal was scored by Chin Chi-fun. In spite of the score, the sailors, far from downhearted, intensified their attacks and were rewarded when Peterson netted after a neat bout of passing.

Eastern: Tam Kwong-kin; Fok Yiu-wah, Tai Kam-hung, Tsang Sik-hong; Lo Hong-sun, Lo Wai-keung, Chiu Chi-fun, Mak Wai-keung, Lee Tak-kee, Lau Fook-chuen and Leung Wing-kwong.

Navy: Griggs; Rice, Bolton; Register, Flintham, Allen; Barrow, Peterson, Kitchee, Sleeman and Davis.

Buffs 1 Inniskillings 5

At Soukumpo, the game between the Buffs and Inniskillings was dull and uninteresting.

The Buffs' defence was inclined to panic and put the ball into touch as often as they could.

After 12 minutes, the expected Inniskillings goal came after a fine movement by Feley who sent a long pass out to his left-winger, Meads, who quickly returned the ball to Pudney, who passed back for Meads to score from close-in. The Buffs' goalkeeper making no attempt to save.

Sytle missed a golden opportunity to equalise when well placed but shot wide.

The Buffs started many a good move but were not backed up by their halves and consequently their movements came to nothing.

The Irishmen went further ahead when on Foley taking a throw-in, the ball went to Meads, who tapped it first time into the centre for Pudney to score with Thompson out of position.

The Inniskillings were finding their men perfectly, and again from a movement starting from the left, gathering a loose ball, Pudney hit the upright with Thompson beaten.

After the interval, the Buffs sprang into action for the first time, Meads forcing a corner and sending in a high shot which Mockler headed well out of play.

This seemed to bring the Buffs back into the picture, but they faded after another 5 minutes' play.

Following a corner by Burns, Pudney shot wide when well placed. The Inniskillings went further ahead when Meads sent in a low centre, Pudney jumped over the ball, and Hannon following up netted. A few minutes later, Thompson stop

TEST CRICKET

England On The Defensive

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 14.

The close of play score at the end of the fourth day was England second innings 70 for three wickets after 40 minutes for 477, giving them a lead of 135 on the first innings. One day's play remains.

Rain fell to prevent England starting their second innings before lunch. The four outstanding West Indies wickets fell this morning for the addition of 50 runs to the overnight total score and 31 of those were hit by E.A.V. Williams. He showed real powers of hitting, particularly against Allen and took only 16 minutes to score his runs.

He made them with 10 strokes—seven fours and three singles, but then skied the ball back to Allen the bowler.

Allen had previously taken Christian's wicket his first Test wicket of the tour. The other two wickets today fell to H. J. Butler, who uprooted the leg stumps of both Ferguson and Gaskin.—Reuter.

Five minutes from the end, Pudney headed in from a near centre by Burns, and three minutes from time the Irishmen were awarded a penalty for "hands" and Andrews converted. Mujendje and Lillis were hard workers in the Buffs' defence. The Buffs lost because of lack of combination between forwards and halves.

Teams: Buffs: Thompson; Hall, Gibly; Lillis, Mujendje, Gidings, Moyes, Wright, Mockler, Sytle, Melowship. Inniskillings: Bennett; Ryall, Kilbourne; Foley, Johnston, Kennedy; Burns, Hannon, Pudney, Andrews, Meads.

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In the second game at Soukumpo, the R.A.F. after being a goal down in the first two minutes, scored three goals through Sewell inside nine minutes. The Royal Air Force ran out well deserved winners by 6 goals to 1.

The 25th R.A. went ahead when Marsden scored with Lewis well beaten.

Immediately afterwards, Soular and Anderson put through Roberts, who passed to Sewell, who headed the ball down between the two advancing full backs, ran round them and, with a hard drive, equalised from 6 yards. The same player went through again from a pass from Hall to put the R.A.F. further ahead when he ran through, drew the goalkeeper out of position, and shot past him.

With the R.A.F. leading 3 goals to 1, the R.A. came back to the attack and Lewis was called upon to make three grand saves in a row from Marsden, Russell and Bates.

The R.A. then bombarded the R.A.F. goal but the R.A.F. defence kept the situation under control.

In the second half, a sharp attack on the R.A.F. goal ended when Russell shot and was well saved by Lewis.

Marsden then had bad luck when, snapping up a pass from Rice, he saw Lewis deflect his shot for a corner.

The airman went further ahead when Anderson shot from 30 yards and the ball was tipped over the bar for a corner by Wylie. Baxter put the corner on to Sewell's head, he nodded it to the feet of Hall, who made no mistake. Hall then, from a centre by Baxter, made Wylie dive full length to make a grand save.

In the 16th minute, Sewell with his usual burst of speed, left the full backs standing and scored from close range.

Then Baxter, R.A.F. outside right, sold Nassua a perfect dummy, centred to Sewell who crashed it past Wylie giving him no chance.

Teams: R.A.F.: Lewis; Soular, King; Adams, Anderson, Gray; Baxter, Roberts, Sewell, Hall and Goodwillie. 25th R.A.: Wylie; Cooper, Nicolson, Craighead, Vernon, Rice; Russell, Russell, Bates, Marsden, and Goldrick.

CRICKET

Jardine's Outplayed

Hong Kong Bank easily defeated Ewo in their inter-Hong match on the Club ground yesterday. R. Evans-Thomson taking five Ewo wickets for six runs.

In a bright knock R. Milne-Day hit one six and 7 fours in his 1st of 44. Ewo scored more freely when they went in for a casual knock after the match was over.

Scores:—H.K. & SHANGHAI BANK
G. A. Stewart, b Mills 6
J.H.S. Forsyth, c Ricketts, b Mills 10
R. Evans-Thomson, c Blott, b Gill 10
M.F.L. Haynes, lbw Gill 11
P.S.M. Dew, c Standaloft, b Gill 10
G.D.N. Walker, b Gill 18
M.W. Turner, c wkt, b Mills 18
D.H. Milne Day, b Gill 44
W.H. Lydall, c & b Ricketts 23
G.A. Dunnitt, b Ricketts 8
G.N. Haines not out 4
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SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Canadians Out Of Pennant Race

(By Grandstand)

In the Senior League week-end needle tilt, the Madcaps dished out errorless ball to nose-out the Canadians 6-5, despite a last inning rally by the Canucks with the bases full, while the Filipinos staged an eight run uprising in the sixth inning reducing an early innings deficit to emerge victors 14-13 over the V.R.C.

St. Joseph's trampled all over a weak Baseballers side 12-2 while the South China nine handed out to the R. Lickings Rovers their 12th consecutive loss with a 9-3 triumph. Police were unable to field a full side and gave a walk-over to Recreio.

In the Ladies loop, Wildcat hurler, Dolly Brown, had the Dees eating out of her hands with a 15 strike-out performance, incidentally notching up a record by shattering Terry Noronha's 13 strike-outs against the Canadians.

In the Junior League, Leo Tiv-ares' Blue Beetles toppled the league leading Dare-devils 3-2, the Azevedo brothers engaging in a pitching duel, Alfredo tossing for the victors while Lichy twirled for the 1-8ers.

Dale Cramer, fire-ball wizard, staged a come-back when he had Bill Woo's Canadians ga-ga, and although he only fanned one, he had the satisfaction of seeing wall player Willie Woo standing still on a knee-high groover for a called third strike. Cramer walked two and batted six hits while Kassa Nazarin for the Maple Leafs fanned two and passed two to the initial station, but whereas Cramer had perfect fielding behind him, Nazarin was poorly supported by erratic backing, especially in the fourth frame when four bangles were committed.

First Walk
Canuck lead-off George White looked over four pitches and drew the first walk off Cramer, Junior Marker, dumped a bunt along first and beat the throw, but White was nailed at third. Home-run Baker drew the second base and trotted down to first with two on bases and one away, but Bill Woo grounded out while Herbie Quon slid to end the scorching threat.

The Madcaps drew first blood when Maurice Verlysen, Ron Sequeira and Sid Hollands loaded the sacks on a bunt, a walk and a fielder's choice, a perfect setting when Dale Cramer poled out a towering foul fly towards the left field fence. Percentage ball would have been to let it go, but Junior Marker chased it and clamped his mitts on the apple, but too late to cut off Verlysen who tore for the plate with the catch. The next two frames were "three-up and three-down" affairs, with both sides putting on the pressure. In the next canto, however, the pressure was too great, and the Canucks crunched up with a succession of four errors which, coupled with Licky Verlysen's timely single, were responsible for four Madcap runs crossing the counting-station. The Maple Leafers were still unable to score and at the end of the fifth, their aggregate score was still zero. The Madcaps added another tally in their half of the fifth when Sid Hollands drew a pass and romped home on a bunt and a miscue.

Ice Broken
The Canucking broke the ice in the sixth when they notched up three runs on three successive hits, including Home-run Baker's two-bagger, the longest hit of the day. The Madcaps failed to score in their half of the sixth and the Canadians came in to bat trailing behind 6-3. George Lee singled, stole second but was called back by the Plate Umpire in a foul-tip. Robbins singled also, and advanced Lee to second, but Lee was nailed at the plate when he tried for the marker on George White's bunt which was neatly handled by first-sacker Baker. Junior Marker got a life on a fielder's choice and Baker came in to bat. Baker looked over the first pitch and socked the next one on the nose for a screaming liner to left field. Robbins and White scored but Junior Marker was nabbed at third base on left-fielder Ren Sequeira's bullet peg to that base and then everything was over for the shouting.

The Big Gun of the day was Home-run Baker who came through with two safeties in three trips for timely hitting to chase in three runners, while Junior Marker produced a two in four performance.

V.R.C. lost a heart-breaker after holding the lead for five innings. The score was still tied after their last turn at bat. In the seventh and final frame, the

Canadians started off with Joe Franco who made first base on a fumble by Spiky Gutters, third sacker for the V.R.C. Peppy Mallie up next, slammed a liner out to the left pastures and Joey scumpered home amid a cloud of dust for the winning run. The only run-tripper batted out in this tussle was by George Saunders, who has surprised many with his budding average despite his unorthodox grip.

Good Pitching
In the St. Joseph-Basballers dawn fracas, Sherry Bux took over mound duties and had the Moltmenmen blanked for six frames and allowed a pair of tallies in the final semester on a hit and an error. Bux yielded three safeties while his teammates unleashed a 15-hit barrage against Billy Wilkinson, the opposing hurler. Bux eluded the only four-master with two aboard, while Abner poled out a triple. Dave Leonard of the Saints and Gus Rozario of the Baseballers knocked out a double a piece. The Saints showed their might when they notched up four runs in the first chapter and added another spurge of five in the third to put the game on ice.

The Club de Recreio staged "a family affair" when the Buchelers tangled with the Married Men in a softball affray, as part of their series of athletic exhibitions between these two rival contingents. The "hitched" outfit nosed out the singles by 2-1. Lino Gossino and Spotty Pereira scored for the winners whilst Dick Alves, catcher for the Senior Rumbling Rees, chalked up the losers' only run in the initial frame. Gerry Gussino took the rubber for the Buchelers while Jackie Noronha twirled them for the married squad.

MEN'S "A" DIVISION
Canadians 6, Madcaps 2
St. Joseph's 12, Baseballers 2
V.R.C. 13, Filipinos 14
South China 9, Rovers 3
Police gave a walk-over to Recreio.

MEN'S "B" DIVISION
Blue Beetles 3, Dare-devils 2
Rexes 17, Rangers 3
Jaguars 9, Wildfires 4
C'mons 5, Josephians 12

LADIES LEAGUE
Wildcats 15, Bess 2

The England cricketer and wartime "softer" international, Denis Compton, made his first appearance of the season in Arsenal's senior side and had a hand in the first goal. His shot at the goal was diverted by Strong, but the ball went to Roper, who made no mistake. Ronnie Rooke added two more after the interval.

The biggest surprise of the day was Fulham's victory over Everton in the F.A. Cup replay by an odd goal scored in the 73rd minute by rightwinger Stevens.

Nearly 72,000 fans saw the Second Division club last the pace much better than Everton. A visit from an attractive Blackpool side in the next round is Fulham's reward.

Sunderland included soccer's costliest player, the £20,050, Len Shackleton, in their side at Derby but were beaten 5-1. Carter scored four of Derby's goals—against his former club.

Manchester United and Preston North End, who meet in the next round of the F.A. Cup, clashed today in the League programme and although Preston held the interval lead, the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Birmingham increased their Second Division lead with a big win over Leeds. Lining, making his League debut, scored Birmingham's first goal after three minutes and added another in the second half.

In Scotland, the Rangers held on their slender lead in Division A but are being dogged by Hibernians, who scored a fine away win at Moriston.—Reuter.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I

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